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Politburo to be abolished says Moscow

Gorbachov moves to control bureaucracy

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

The Soviet Communist Party's ruling Politburo, which since Stalin's day has been the most powerful group in the Soviet Union, is to be abolished in an attempt to turn the party's power structure

The creation of a bigger body, known as the party presidium, was approved by the Central Committee meeting which decided not to hinder progress towards a multi-party system. But a move to reduce the membership of the Central

Committee was rejected. The abolition of the Politburo was announced by Mr including the draft platform Mr Frolov also disclosed

TOMORROW The Church

militants After decades of

suppression, the Russian Orthodox Church is feeling the benefits of *perestroika*, wielding social and political influence in a country in which, ironically, it still has no

official status. Tomorrow, we examine the regeneration of faith in Russia

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 There were no £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize, which therefore accumulates to £4,000. Today's chance to win is on page 27

Attack case man in court

By David Sapsted

An unemployed labourer, Russell Bishop, aged 23, of Lewes Road, Brighton, was remanded in custody by Brighton magistrates yesterday, accused of the attempted murder, kidnap and indecent assault of a seven-year-old girl last weekend.

Mr Bishop was remanded in custody until February 15 but he will not have to appear until next month. There was no bail application and he was granted legal aid. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

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that proposals to slim down the Central Committee to

The Central Committee Secretariat is to be revamped, with each secretary taking administrative responsibility

structure was an attempt by the leadership and the Central Committee to reassert control

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over the labyrinth of departments and sub-departments which make up the party bureaucracy. It wanted, he said, to turn the power struc-

atus, not the leadership,

levels of the party. It is proposed that the new presidium will count among its members the party leaders in Lithuania stands by its de-cision to break with Moscow.

Mr Prolov, who is regarded as a close associate of Mr Gorbachov, also gave insight into the general secretary's way of working. He said the draft party platform had been formulated almost entirely by Mr Gorbachov. Nor could it, Mr Frolov said, have been written "with one left hand and one right hand", as Mr Boris Yeltsin claimed, because the Soviet leader dic-

tated all his documents.

Mr Yeltsin - one of Mr Gorbachov's most strident about 200 members had been critics - had raised his hand in rejected. It had nearly 500 members until last April, and would in future comprise three or four hundred people, do not know why he is voting against, but I dare say we will

> In an interview for Ameri can television, Mr Yeitsin was reported as saying that his vote was an expression of protest against the leaders en bloc - with the exception of Mr Gorbachov,

Yeltsin's willingness to talk to

Outside the Central Com mittee, however, Mr Yeltsin was far from being alone in his disappointment with plans to drop the party's monopoly

While the West was hailing another historic change in Soviet society, the Soviet pub-lic was decidely less im-pressed. Viewers who saw excerpts from Mr Aleksandr Yakoviev's press conference on Good Morning Moscow, the capital's breakfast television show, found his lowkey presentation and intell-

Moscow Radio canvassed opinion in the capital and received a similar response; disappointment mingled with frustration. "Half-hearted", out" were some of the comments. "I wish Gorbachov would march forward with a reform benner in his hand, then we would happily follow...as it is, we still don't know where he stands," was a reaction from one taxi driver.

Only Central Committee members have seen the final draft of party's platform and it will probably not be published until the weekend, but Mr Gorbachov's proposals for a multi-party system have not brought Muscovites rallying Mr Frolov added that when

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Guides in row over scouting for girls



Dr June Paterson-Brown, Chief Commissioner of the Girl Guides, between statues of Lord Baden-Powell and Lady Olave Baden-Powell yesterday.

Human embryo research

Peers defeat ban move

Pro-life peers suffered a serious blow last night when the House of Lords voted nearly three to one in favour of continuing research on human embryos up to 14 days old.

In a key vote on the Warnock legislation, an amendment by the Duke of Norfolk, England's premier Roman Catholic peer, to ban all research was rejected by 234 votes to 80.

the House of Lords sent a clear signal to MPs, who will vote on the issue in the spring, that it would be wrong to ban re-search which has helped thousands of childless couples and could provide cures for genetic and other diseases. Peers have yet to decide on what conditions to impose.

In a free vote after a twoand-a-half-hour debate, Lady Hooper, Under Secretary of State for Health and a Roman Catholic, the Bishop of London, Dr Graham Leonard, and the Bishop of Winchester,

intense lobbying by Roman Catholic and other pro-life the Right Rev Colin James, voted in favour of a ban. The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, spoke in favunder strict conditions, as did

most front bench peers. Lord Mackay of Clashfirm, Lord Chancellor, who summed up Lady Warnock, whose report in 1984 formed the basis research would be "a slippery

a bigger majority than I had expected. I hope the House of Commons will be influenced by the size of it."

Lady Warnock, who did not speak in the debate, was also eased that the abortion issue had been kept away from the Bill in the House of Lords, although the Government has promised to allow all debates on abortion amendments in the Commons. Unlike peers, MPs will have to consider

votes for a total ban, peers will have to decide whether to bow to the decision or try to defy

The Government had given the peers the choice of either banning all research or allowing it up to 14 days. Dr Leonard said legalizing

dismissed what he termed the "horrific picture of fiendish doctors experimenting on poor screaming embryos". The Duke of Norfolk said a Gallup poll showed a majority was in favour of a ban. No

genetic disease had so far been identified or cured by experiments on human embryos. Mrs Phyllis Bowman, national director of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children, said: "We have always known our strength in

the Lords in no way compares with that in the Commons."

80 years on, a bastion crumbles

The Girl Guides were less be accused of that," a Scout than ecstatic yesterday at the Association spokesman said. news that their brother Association is, after 80 years, to open its tents to females.

same week that the Royal Navy decided to allow Wreas to go to sea, the association said it was bowing to demand from girls who envied the boys ation admitted that the boys would not necessarily like it. The decision on whether to mix the sexes would be for individual scout troops.

"We are aware that in some places there is a pressing need for it and we are anxious to meet that need, " Mr Garth Morrison, the Chief Scout, said yesterday. Scout Association officials denied that they were out to raid the Guides' superior membership figures, currently 733,000 compared with the Scouts' 680,000.

"We cannot see how we can

organization, the Scout lot of girls who want to be

Announcing the fall of received with "extreme dis-another male bastion in the appointment" by Dr June

examined a number of possible avenues of closer cooperation between the two organizations.

This decision has come at the wrong time; they have gone too far too soon. They are also out of step; youth services in general have gone full circle and now generally tend to favour single-sex activity again," Dr Paterson-

The Guides hinted strongly that they would be increasing Continued on page 20, col 7

Nato offers new military cutback

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspon As Mr James Baker, the US received by some of the

Secretary of State, began cru-cial disarmament talks in a Moscow mansion yesterday, Nato presented new proposals slovakia welcomed the profor cutting back on troops and armaments in Europe.

Mr Baker spent his first day of talks with Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, trying to iron out major obstacles in the strategic arms and chemical weapons negotiations.

to President Bush's recent proposal to limit Soviet and American troops in central Europe to 195,000. This proposal was included in the new measures tabled by Nato in Vienna yesterday at the Conventional Forces in Europe talks. Nato offered the Warsaw Pact new concessions on tanks, aircraft, helicopters and armoured troop carriers.

Warsaw Pact countries. Diplomatic sources said that Hungary and Czecho-

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But he also sought reaction in the Moscow mansion, which continues today, will be followed up next week when both men fly to Ottawa to attend the start of a three-week conference on President Bush's Open Skies proposal, under which Nato and Warsaw Pact countries would be allowed to fly military surveillance airciast over each others' territories as à confidence

posal to limit superpower forces to 195,000. The meeging between Mr Baker and Mr Shevardnadze

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Record BT profits attacked

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

Profits of British Telecom, which vies with BP as Britain's largest company by profits, reached a new record of more than £2 billion before tax for the nine months to end December, 7.8 per cent higher than a year ago.

The 3.2 per cent average rise in regulated prices, mainly on exchange lines, imposed in September helped turnover and profits accelerate in the final quarter of 1989.

BT raised capital spending over the period by 13.7 per cent to £2.28 billion and has now converted a third of all customers' lines onto digital telephone exchanges. But the profits, which amounted to 22 per cent of

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Move to speed victims' payment

By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Home Office seemed poised last night to agree an immediate increase in staffing at the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board after the organization was bitterly criticized by MPs.
A call for the government-

funded board, which compensates victims of violent crime, to receive 60 extra staff would receive "urgent consideration", the department said. A report published yes-terday by the all-party Com-mons Select Committee on Home Affairs said it was unacceptable that three-quarters of victims had to wait over a year for a decision.

Staffing levels had failed to keep pace with rapid increases amounted to 22 per cent of BT's £9 billion turnover, were quickly criticized by several Labour MPs. in workload, and the board

mittee chairman described as trivial the amount of money needed to speed up payments "Every qualifying victim of violence should ... be encouraged to apply and should be sure that his or her claim will be dealt with within a

Double injury.

reasonable time - we set the modest target of a year." Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, the board's chairman and a former Conservative Cabinet minister, said that in the past funding and staff increases had "never come on time".

The Home Office claimed sation of £750 or more, was the "most generous of its kind in the world". But it said MPs had been right to draw attention to delays.

Sad winter's tale as RSC brings curtains down



By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

In a desperate move to ensure survival in the face of a spiralling deficit, the Royal Shakespeare Company is to close its two London theatres next winter. The closure should be seen as the biggest manifestation of the crisis in arts funding so far, said Mr Terry Hands, the company's artistic director.

The company faces an accumulating deficit of £2.9 million by March 1991, and the alternative to closing the Barbican and Pit theatres in the Barbican Centre from November 5 until March 18 would be "total closure", Mr Hands said yesterday. "We could not save the sum we have to save any other way," he said.

He was speaking from the Barbican

is currently enjoying unprecedented success at the Barbican with A Clockwork Orange, which opened this week and is sold out. So are Hamlet and A Midsummer Night's Dream, and Show Boat at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford, due to open next week, has 88 per cent of seats sold. The RSC earns £1 million a year from the success of its Les Misérables production, and is negotiating new sponsorship with Royal

Mr Hands is due to leave the RSC next year, and his successor is expected to be announced next week. This is a watershed on a double front. I have to keep as much of the fabric intact as I can for the succession to choose the company's path, and I have to bring the deficit Theatre stage where, ironically, the RSC spiral to a halt."

million, but a deficit of nearly £1.7 million will remain. Because of this, the winter programme including a new musical for Christmas, Children Of Eden, and as yet unscheduled new plays for The Pit going"back to the drawing-

No redundancies are planned but 65 to 70 London stage staff will take a 50 per cent pay cut.

The RSC has written to the Government asking it to meet funding levels recommended in a 1984 Cabinet Office

 The English National Ballet has appointed a stand-in artistic director after the dismissal last week of Mr Peter Schaufuss. She is Miss Elizabeth Anderton, previously his assistant.



Setback for care home campaign

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Minister of State, Department of Health, dealt a double blow yesterday to supporters of attempts to tighten legislation controlling the ownership of residential care homes for the elderly.

She ruled out legislation requiring owners to register with their local authority and refused to consider giving the police power to pass on information on prospective owners. Both measures had been included in an amendment to the NHS and Community Care Bill being considered by a House of Commons standing committee.

To placate mounting pressure from all sides of the House she agreed to reconsider improvements. She did not want to burden small businesses with unnecessary bureaucracy in spite of evidence that people with criminal records, and barred from running homes under the Registered Homes Act 1986, were back in business because of a legal loophole. Homes which care for up to three people do not have to be registered or inspected and an increasing number of owners get round the law by caring for only three people.

Child care tax help

Working mothers could be offered extra help with child care as a result of plans being considered by the Conservative party (Nicholas Wood writes). Employers would be encouraged to give staff vouchers which could cashed at nurseries of their choice and the Conservation. nurseries of their choice and the Government would exempt

the perk from income tax.

The tax exemption could be included in the Budget, although it seems likely to be adopted later. The move follows concern about labour shortages and pressure on the Chancellor of the Exchequer to stop taxing nurseries.

New 999 protest call

Leaders of the ambulance unions are today likely to call for further mass demonstrations of support when they meet to discuss the deadlocked 22-week-old dispute (Tim Jones writes). Union chiefs are hoping they can embarrass Mr Kenneth Clarke, Secretary of State for Health, back to the negotiating table. Some London shop stewards who yesterday suggested opening up local pay negotiations as a way of resolving the dispute were heavily outvoted.

Victim wins £6,000

A man who claimed he was beaten up by vice squad officers was yesterday awarded nearly £6,000 by a high court. A jury in Leeds agreed that Mr Glendon Spencer, a Rastafarian aged 34, was subjected to unreasonable force when arrested outside a drinking club. Mr Spencer, of Hovingham Mount, Leeds, had sued West Yorkshire Police for wrongful imprisonment, malicious prosecution and unlawful vi-olence after the incident in 1985.

Noriega assets frozen

A High Court judge yesterday ordered the freezing of assets held in British bank accounts by General Noriega on behalf neid in british can account by Ceneral rothings on became of American investigators trying to trace profits from alleged drug trafficking by the former Panamanian leader (Stewart Tendler writes). General Noriega is in Florida awaiting trial for drug offences, while the Americans have tried to track down his assets in a several countries including Britain, Switzerland, Luxembourg and France.

Heddle remembered

A memorial service for Mr John Heddle, the MP for Mid A memorial service for Mr John Heddie, me Mr Ar Michael Staffordshire found dead in his car in December, heard yesterday that he was haunted by a "fear of failure". His Conservative colleague and friend, Mr David Lightbown, MP for neighbouring South East Staffordshire, told the congregation at Lichfield Cathedral: "He wasn't a perfect man, but on the scales of decency and justice he will always be known as a kind man." The inquest reopens on Thursday.

Cartilage 'listening' device is top invention

pable of "listening" for torn cartilages in knees won first prize in the Design Council-inspired Toshiba Year of Invention Awards vertexion Invention Awards yesterday.

The machine, which also chine for bales of cattle feed took first prize in the university and college section, was designed by a team from Queen's University, Belfast, led by Dr Gavin Tait.

Third prize in the schools section went to Richard LenAn automatic wrapping ma-

silage, designed by David Furber, aged 16, of Audlem, Cheshire, won first prize in the section. Second prize went to Jeremy Tapp, aged 17, of Brixham, Devon, for an allweather sail board harness.

Universities will offer to run loan scheme

By Douglas Broom Education Reporter

The universities are to offer to take over the Government's student loan scheme in return for concessions over the way it is to be run.

The Committee of Vice-Chan-cellors and Principals meets today to finalize the offer which it believes will prove attractive to ministers after the decision by the high street banks to pull out of the scheme. It will tell the Government that it

could save substantial sums of public money by winding up the Glasgow-based Student Loans Company and handing over administra-tion of the scheme to universities, polytechnics and colleges.

The proposal, which has yet to be discussed with polytechnic direc-tors, will be put to Mr John

MacGregor, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who has invited university heads to a meeting later this month. The vicechancellors believe the Government is open to persuasion because the scheme has proved universally unpopular in its existing form.

In return for assuming responsibility for student loans, the vicechancellors are seeking big concessions on the shape of the system. In particular they want the Government to move at once to its ultimate goal of replacing grants with loans, a step which would mean abandoning the interim "top-up" formula due to begin in September. Under the existing scheme, from

September students will be able to borrow £420 a year (£460 if they study in London). At the same time frozen at £2,265 a year (£2,845 in London). The size of loan offered is due to be increased steadily until loan and grant account for equal proportions of student financial support by the end of the century.

The vice-chancellors want the means-tested grant scrapped and replaced with a larger value loan to which all students would be entitled. This would be repaid through the personal tax system.

The high street banks, which walked out of talks with ministers on the scheme just before Christ-mas, had been offered a £12-a-head administration fee for handling payment and collection.

However the universities, which already have staff for distributing local authority grant cheques to students, argue that they could do the job for much less. Under the

scheme, the Treasury would pay money for student loans directly to the universities as part of their annual block grant.

New funding arrangements, to be introduced from next year, link the payment of government grants to universities to their ability to recruit students, so it would be comparatively easy to allocate loan funds.

While they too will seek admin-

istration fees, the vice-chancellors

believe the cost could be met by the savings the Treasury will make from stopping social security benefits to full-time students from this autumn. However Mr Robert Jackson,

under-secretary of state for edu-cation, told the Commons com-mittee scrutinizing the Student Loans Bill that, while the scheme would cost £178 million in the first year, savings would only amount to

education spokesman, said last night: "The vice-chancellors have

been snubbed by the Government before on the issue of a graduate tax. "I do not think the vice-chancellors will be any more popular at Downing Street than were the

hanks. • An extra £4 million will be made available from April to boost the number of computers in primary schools, Mr Alan Howarth, undersecretary of state for education, said yesterday. There were already an average of 30 microcomputers in every secondary school and three in every primary school, he said. • Berkshire is to offer incentive bonuses to supply teachers in order to boost the number of staff available to cover for teachers absent

through sickness or on courses.

Step nearer for Prince's volunteers

Stevens set to wind up collusion investigation

By Edward Gorman, Irish Affairs Correspondent

collusion in Northern Ireland by the end of next month, secording to police sources.

Mr Stevens is said to have decided to finish his investigations unless be encounters intervening events of extraor-dinary significance. His report

into allegations of collusion between members of the security forces and Protestant paramilitary groups is ex-pected to be delivered to Mr Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, at about the same time.

Mr Stevens will then close the inquiry's headquarters at Antrim Road police station, Belfast, and hand any out-standing lines of inquiry to the RUC as his detectives return to the mainland.

Mr Stevens's decision comes after recent publicity stunts by "loyalist" paramilitaries aimed at bogging the investigation down in Northern Ireland, and he is said to be prepared for further demenstrations of defiance.

Officers originally hoped to bring their activities to an end by the end of January, but events have forced them to reassess the timescale.

The decision also underlines the belief among the the analysis of the problem. and the recommendations which flow from it, are as important as bringing large numbers of offenders before the courts.

To date, the inquiry has resulted in 48 people being charged with offences including possessing, collecting or withholding information likely to be of use to terrorists. The political spotlight and the untimely fire at the orig-

Mr John Stevens, the Deputy inal inquiry headquarters Chief Constable of Camerity last month are thought to bridgeshire, is hoping to have put officers under "guillotine" his inquiry into considerable strain. Difficulties in drawing up the report are thought to have been made worse because officers do not know which parts of it will be shown to the lrish government.

There was further controversy yesterday about the fire which largely destroyed the operations room at Carricklergus on January 10. The RUC says its investigation has concluded that it was

caused accidentally, in spite of comments by Mr Gerard Col-lins, the Irish Foreign Minister, in Dublin on Wednesday that he believed the fire had been started deliberately. The police said they had

found no evidence that the 24hour security at the complex had been breached, that the door to the control room had been forced, or that the in-truder alarm had been ac-tivated. Nor had any evidence of an accelerant been found. However Mr Stevens ap-peared last night to suggest that evidence may yet arise

which proves the fire was set deliberately. "We are not in to enlist young people in a national programme of volthe business of speculation or innuendo," he said, "and there is no direct evidence to substantiate that the fire was maliciously started at this

paramilitary Ulster Defence Association claimed that one of its leaders, Tommy Lyttle, was arrested for a second time yesterday for questioning by the Stevens team. Mr Little, the UDA chief in West Belfast, is on bail accused of withholding information about leaked police documents. The police did not officially

brought in for questioning.

Placements might include taking part in sport or outdoor confirm his detention but said activities and participants, both employed and una number of people had been

the trust says.

By David Walker Public Administration

national program

A plan by the Prince of Wales

antary work drew a step nearer

yesterday with the publication

by The Prince's Trust of the

st practical details of the

One in seven aged between

16 and 24 would join Young Volunteers in the Community

by 2000. Working away from

18 weeks, they would mix with

young people from other back-grounds and together develop

sense of common citizenship,

me in "placements" of up to

The Prince of Wales with Senhor Collor de Mello, president-elect of Brazil, who is on a world tour, in London yesterday, employed, certificate.

The trest is at present negotiating with the departments of Social Security and of Employment, as well as with the Home Secretary. It wants Cabinet approval for relaxation on the rule requiring unloyed youth to show they are actively seeking work beurity so that participation in Young Volunteers in the tity would not make

them financially worse off. Mr Tom Shebbeare, director of the trust, emphasized yesterday that the scheme fitted closely with government ideas about wealth creation by promoting self reliance, which was, he said, at the heart of the

enterprise culture. The Prince of Wales, to-

would receive a Weatherhill, Speaker of the said, however, there would not House of Commons, are to be a formal training element in launch the scheme at St the Prince's programme, James's Palace in April. The Speaker is patron of the on on Citize

> on the plan. The scheme, on an initial deet of £2.6 million paid for Whitehall and private

Leading article.

sors, aims to attract 7,000 inteers within two years for

Sir John Cassels, former director of the Manpower Services Commis working with the trust to align The Prince of Wales, to-gether with Mr Bernard grammes for young people. He

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placements offered by local voluntary groups or the Gov-ernment's Training and Enterprise councils.

to take work away from local authority staff, and trade

Service Volunteers (CSV), one of the largest youth volunteer groups. Mrs Elisabeth Hood-less, executive s, executive director of CSV, said there was a "lack of realism" in the plan and asked what incentives would be built in to the scheme to ensure employers released young employees to take part.

Young Volunteers in the Com-munity: A consultation paper. (The Prince's Trust, 8 Bedford Row, London, WCIR UBA).

Lawyers and MPs tackle the changing face of British broadcasting

Court cases should be shown Programme-making firms on television, say barristers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Wales should be televised as Editing would be at the dis-an experiment, the Bar Coun-cretion of news organizations. cil said yesterday.

It called for pilot projects covering civil and criminal proceedings and tribunals, but not cases involving divorce or The council is to table

amendments to the Broadcasting Bill which would allow the an experiment. The legal experiments, funded by television companies, to go ahead. Mr Roger Henderson, OC. chairman of the council's public affairs committee, said: "Our belief is that it would be of great benefit to open justice and generally increase our understanding of how far the courts work.

There would be strict rules covering what could be with no shots, for example, of juries, rape vic- terial; and partly because the tims or witnesses whose iden- judge would have the power to

Court cases in England and tity was protected by law. exclude the cameras if some-

Cases would be recorded under a pooling arrangement with videotapes being made available to any broadcaster that wanted to use them. The Bar's amendment comes in the wake of a

working party report backing profession is split on the merits of televising the courts; but Mr Henderson said noone opposed a pilot scheme. Mr Jonathan Caplan, who

chaired the working party, said he did not believe the move would encourage lawyers and judges to "act up" to the cameras, partly because live coverage would be the with most broadcasts involving recorded maone sought to abuse them.

Mr Caplan said that allowing cameras in would improve public access to court proceedings. At present, people relied on press reports or broadcasts from outside the court building, even though the courts were open to the public.

"It would enhance the public's understanding of and confidence in our legal system, the judiciary and the decisions of our courts," he said. A spokesman for the Lord

Chancellor - who would be instrumental in any government decision to allow a change in the law - said yesterday: "The Government will have to weigh the pro-posed benefit against the dis-advantages of extra stress on witnesses; the intrusion that might be caused and whole the

win guarantee of quality

best and most expensive programming, rather than just cheap games shows and sports coverage, from Britain's blossoming independent sector.

Until now the 25 per cent provision for independents has referred to allocation of time, and independent companies feared the 2,500 hours of programme-making commissioned from them would involve inexpensive programming on the fringe of TV

An amendment to the Broadcasting Bill successfully moved last night by Mr David Mellor, Minister of State at the Home Office, will mean the range of programmes will be "in terms of cost of acquisition as well as in terms antee the quality of indepen-

BBC and ITV will have to intended to guarantee that Broadcasting Bill, MPs were commission a quarter of their quality programmes flourish told yesterday, best and most expensive pro- in the 1990s, the Home Office Mr Mellor said last night.

> Mr Paul Styles, director of the Independent Programme Producers' Association, said; The minister is now saying he wants independents to be paid to make programmes of all types, which will include prime time and expensive programming."

Mr David Shaw, director of the ITV Association, said: We have no problem with this amendment. It reflects what ITV companies are already doing. If anything, they have been commissioning from independents a greater slice of expensive programming."

Further measures to guar-

Mr Mellor said he and colleagues would consider making it explicit in the legislation that independent television franchises could go to makers of outstanding programmes rather than to the nighest bidder. He also told the Commons

committee studying the Bill that he was considering changing the Bill to insist upon bidders providing progra-mmes of high quality across the whole range of schedules. At present, it requires only that they provide a "suitable proportion" of high-quality programmes.

Mr Mark Fisher, Opposition spokesman on the arts, said: "We look for the minister to deliver on his commitof the types of programme dent television programmes ment rather than mere involved". The stipulation is may be incorporated in the words."

Judge Ebsworth said that Halewood production line. could not be assessed with any

accuracy, she said. But it was clear there had been an extensive network of people geared to receive and pass on the stolen parts to apparently legitimate businesses. engaged in Liverpool will have received substantial sums of money by way of payment, though it is a remarkable

feature of this case that at the end of the day no one seems to have any identifiable assets

Security defects at Halewood and a unionmanagement agreement not to carry out body searches without the employees' consent

Robert James Whyatt, aged 41, a parts dealer, of Billericay, Essex, was sentenced to four years in prison and ordered to pay £25,000 towards prosecution costs for conspiring to handle stolen goods. He had denied the charge.

Ian Paul Ainsworth, aged 36, of Illingworth Road, Preston, Lancashire, a parts dealer.

Conspirators jailed

'Army of dishonest staff'stole at Ford

Members of a team which He admitted being involved conspired to steal car parts in the conspiracy. Brian Tayworth £4 million from the lor, aged 46, of Stockbridge Ford plant at Halewood, Merseyside, were jailed for up to four years by Liverpool Crown Court yesterday.

for three years until the au-tumn of 1988 there had been an army of dishonest employees stealing parts from the The volume of the thefts

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Judge Ebsworth said production line workers at Halewood had taped the stolen car parts to their bodies or clothing and walked out of the Halewood plant with them.

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village, Merseyside, was sentenced to two years. He admitted conspiracy. Robert Kennedy, aged 37 Liverpool, admitted conspiracy to handle stolen

goods and received 180 hours'

community service and was

ordered to pay £500. Stephen William Jones, aged 34, a Ford production worker, of Dingle, Liverpool, was jailed for nine months after admitting conspiring to steal parts, his wife Lynn Jones, aged 33, was con-ditionally discharged for two years for handling stolen goods. She denied the charge. Robert Crotty, aged 29, of Chadwell Heath, Essex, was jailed for 21 months. He had denied conspiracy. Robert Jones, aged 58, of Stockbridge village. Merseyside, received two years, and Colin Charles Rust, aged 42, of Romford, Essex, 18 months. Both admit-

ted conspiracy. The Ford Motor Company said yesterday a review of security at the company's plants was underway and that metal detectors had been installed at the gates at Halewood.

CORRECTION

NEFF (UK) Ltd.: Neff has not "gone bankrupt" as stated in "Britain's lost battle" (Business News, February 7). The company is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bosch-Siemens Hausgerate GmbH and enjoys an excellent reputation as a profitable supplier of kitchen equipment. We apologise to Neff for suggesting otherwise.

Sweet victory in court for British plastic lemon By Michael Horsnell legal costs of £1.5 million, has taxed Jif. In effect, Lord Bridge said, Colman was granted a High Court in-

The £1.5 million case of the rival plastic lemons ended in victory for the British variety yesterday when the Law Lords ruled against its American competitor.

The makers of Jif lemon juice

emerged victorious from a three-year

legal fight with its American rival,

which wanted to place a lookalike lemon in British supermarkets. The case brought by Reckitt and Colman, the Norwich-based makers of Jif, against Borden Inc centred on the law of passing off. This prevents a manufacturer from selling a prod-

act under the pretence that it is the product of another. The case, estimated to have run up a High Court judge, three Court of Appeal judges and the Law Lords since it was launched in 1987.

The Law Lords dismissed an appeal by Borden against earlier court rulings that Colman, the food division of Reckitt and Colman, had established an exclusive right to the style of its life-size plastic lemons because the public associated such

containers specifically with Jif. Mr Michael Turrell, managing director of Colsnan, said: "It's a great day for common sense. We have argued throughout this case that the existence of any lemon juice brand in look-alike containers would be confusing to Jif customers and that this should be prevented." Coljunction beaming Borden from marketing its product "in any container so nearly resembling the Jif lemonshaped container as to be likely to deceive without making clear to the altimate purchaser that it is not the goods of Colman's". Lord Bridge of Harwich pointed out yesterday that

Law Report... Borden had only to stick a distinctive

label on its ReaLemon product to distinguish it from Jif. However, the Law Lords were told that housewives buying plastic lemous in supermarkets did not read labels but simply assumed that whatever they were buying must be

man had been given a "de facto monopoly" in natural-sized plastic lemons. "A trader selling plastic lemons would never be permitted to register a lemon as his trade mark, but Colmans have achieved the result indirectly that a container designed to look like a real lemon is to be treated, per se, as distinctive of their goods," he said. He would have liked to avoid this

clusion could not be faulted in law. He agreed with the other Law Lords in dismissing Borden's appeal. Lord Jauncey said he did not accept that Colman was being given a monopoly. He said the ruling meant merely that Borden, in seek-

result, but Mr Justice Walton's con-

market, had not taken adequate steps to differentiate its "get-up" from that of Colman so that consumers would not be deceived. The dispute is the first passing-off case to reach the Law Lords in 10 years and the judgement is regarded

Mr Christopher Wadlow, a specialist on the law of passing-off, said: "A lot of businesses involving consumer products are concerned that the get-up or look of their goods has been partially copied. This dgement will encourage them to look again and see if they can do something about it. It is going to make a lot of difference to the way passing-off cases are understood."

as a legal landmark.

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£25,000 bank raid trial

Prayer book 'saved security man shot as he tackled robbers'

he tackled an armed gang of bank raiders, the Central Criminal Court was told

the book in Mr Albert Howard's breast pocket as he grappled with the robbers, the

Mr Howard, aged 58, was described in court as "a man of quite exceptional courage" for grabbing one of the raiders inside the bank at Poole in Dorset, and refusing to let go in spite of being attacked by another robber as the fight spilled on to the street. Even after being shot, Mr Howard got up and pursued the fleeing gunman down the road, the court was told.

Mr David Bate, for the prosecution, said Mr Howard had been making a £25,000 delivery for Security Express to the Midland Bank in Mannings Heath Road, Poole, when the raiders struck.

Mr Howard was said to have been shot as he struggled with Stephen Kelt, aged 31, of Plaistow, east London, who denies robbery and possessing firearms with intent to en-

Mr Bate said the gun was fired by James Watts, aged 33, from Lambeth, south London, who has admitted taking part in the raid and who will give evidence for the prosecution.

Mr Bate said Mr Kelt, wearing a wig and overalls, had entered the bank with a

A prayer book saved the life of a security guard shot in the chest at point-blank range as it was Mr Kelt's misfortune to things I cannot to hand over the money. "But change, the courage to change it was Mr Kelt's misfortune to things I can, and the wisdom have chosen in Mr Howard a to know the difference." man of quite exceptional cour-age," Mr Bate said.

The guard knocked the The bullet was deflected by loaded gun aside and managed to get Mr Kelt in a headlock, punching him several times in the face until the pair stag-gered on to the bank's forecourt, still fighting, the

court was told. Watts rushed to the aid of his accomplice, smashing his own gun on to Mr Howard's

Mr Howard is a man of quite exceptional courage 9

head and kicking him, "But Mr Howard would not let go," Mr Bate said.

Watts then fired at Mr Howard's chest and Mr Kelt struggled free before jumping into the getaway car.

The bullet from the .45 revolver went through a diary, but was deflected by the prayer book. Mr Howard was left bruised and with minor burns, but otherwise unhurt.

Mr Bate said: "The bullet, having gooe through Mr Howard's shirt, hit the photograph of the hands in prayer on the cover and ricocheted off. You have some idea of how perilously close Mr Howard came to losing his life."

guard's favourite prayer; robberies.
"God grant me the screnity to The case

Mr Bate went on to describe how Mr Howard chased the gunman along the road, giving up only when Mr Kelt drove the Ford Sierra at him.

"Mr Howard heard the screech of the car's tyres and moved on to the pavement. The car just brushed his leg. If he had not moved, the Sierra would have hit him."

Mr Bate said the gang had used two stolen cars to travel to Poole. Both Watts and Mr Kelt were carrying loaded revolvers while a third man, Charles O'Keefe, acted as the driver. They used the home of Mr O'Keefe's sister in Parkstone, Bournemouth, to hide in and change their clothes after the raid, he said.

The gang expected a £25,000 haul from the robbery, but got away with only £2,000 and some travellers cheques, the jury was told.

After the raid, Mr O'Keefe's sister drove the three men to they could make their way back to London, and was paid £200 for her help, Mr Bate

Mr Kelt was later identified by a bank customer because of his distinctive, protruding front teeth. Mr O'Keefe, aged 45, from Stockwell, south London, de-

will be showing the dog at Crufts in London on Sunday. nies robbery and firearms charges. Three other men in Mrs Fox, whose dog was the Counsel then read the the dock deny four other The case continues today.

threatened the life of the dog doping incidents at Crufts and myself if I did not get him A champion dog owner who is

out of the ring. due to show at Crufts this year said she had almost pulled out because of intimidation and "I will not give in to these people, I will show the dog. I threats of sabotage. Mrs Carol will have someone guarding Fox, owner of a champion him, looking at him all the Samoyed, said she had re-ceived anonymous telephone calls demanding that she step

By Ruth Gledhill

out of the show ring.

Mrs Fox said she was so

frightened by the calls that she

stopped showing Zamoyski

Lucky Star of Ostyak in the

summer. But she is now

determined to fight back and

Mrs Sharp-Bale, whose Keeshond won the champion bitch certificate in her breed, said she had received threats some time ago. A letter pasted up from newspaper cuttings had threatened "curtains for your dog" if it is shown again.
"I have had a dog poisoned at a show. There is no money attached to dog showing but

Major-General Martin Sin-

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in recent years but they were rarities. "Most people are here to show their dogs and they applied generously those who win."

Crufts dog owner faced intimidation threat

● In-breeding can make dogs aggressive or nervous, Dr Roger Mugford, an animal behaviourist, said yesterday. He "straightened out" on a psychiatrist's couch at Crufts.





£1,000 fine for untethered dog

The skipper of a Russian yesterday after he admitted allowing a dog to run free on his vessel in contravention of the Rabies Order (Kerry Gill

21, appeared at Dingwall Sheriff Court which was told that the offence took place while his trawler Pinagoriy was moored in Loch Broom, Ullapool, on January 18.

board, but when the ship was

Sweden releases terrorist's clothing

By Mark Souster

The Swedish Government allowed a further batch of clothing belonging to a convicted terrorist to be sent esterday to Scottish police avestigating the Lockerbie air

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The clothing which the police believe was bought in Malta by Mohammed Abu Talb, may hold clues linking him with the bombing of Pan Am flight 103 in December

Abu Talb, aged 37, has been named formally by the police as a suspect "in the murder and participation in the murder of 270 people". He was jailed for life in December for a bombing campaign in Den-mark and The Netherlands.

Mr Ulf Forsberg, the Swed-ish prosecutor, said the clothng, including trousers, iacket and a suit, was considered "of significance" by the

inquiry team in Scotland. Forensic work has established that the Semtex bomb which blew up the Pan Am Boeing 747 had been placed in items of clothing manufac-tured in Malta and sold there on November 23, 1988. Evidence, in the form of a landing uggests Aba Talb was probably in Malta at that time. He has denied any involvement in the bombing.

PORTFOLIO

There were no valid claims in yesterday's Portfolio Platpetition. The prize The Guinness affair

Former director must repay £5.2m

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

mediate repayment of the £5.2 million it paid to Mr Thomas Ward, a former director, for his services in the Distillers

United Kingdom to face criminal charges in the Guinness affair, and said the company's claim for its £5.2 million was

Guinness bid for Distillers.

persuading the Monopolies and Mergers Commissi allow the Guinness bid, for

convincing some directors that they should persevere and for persuading Distillers to vas misuccessful.

was "non-existent".

"Mr Ward had no right to emuneration without the au-

overturn a Court of Appeal roling in May 1988 that Guinness was entitled to immediate repayment on the

Guinness is entitled to im- authorized by the company's board or its articles.

takeover battle, the House of Lords ruled yesterday. Five law lords unanimously mary judgement without a full

Mr Ward's case was that the fee was for "advice and ser-He claimed credit for

Law Report...

pay Guinness's costs if the bid However, Lord Templeman

udged yesterday that the contract on which Mr Ward relied

thority of the board," he said. He said that even if Mr Ward had acted "honestly and reasonably" in accepting the money without board authority, he could not be excused from paying it back. Mr Ward was seeking to

The Court of Appeal judges also upheld a ruling of the Vice-Chancellor, Sir Nicolas Browne-Wilkinson, that Guinness was entitled to sumdismissed an appeal by the trial of Mr Ward's contentions American attorney, who is that he was entitled to some or

Lord Templeman said Mr

Ward claimed the deal, made through his Jersey company. Marketing and Acquisition proved by a board committee. Mr Ward had then sought an order from the court which would entitle him to be paid

without board authority, Lord order would be in breach of the company's articles. Lord Goff of Chievelev said

he was not the only person who had been "startled" by the sum Mr Ward claimed had been paid to him under a

throughout this case that Guinness is seeking summary judgement for the sum the merits." Lord Goff said "Even so. I have come to the conclusion that Mr Ward has simple fact is that there was, in

Mr Ernest Saunders, former chairman, and three other defendants will face criminal charges arising from an alleged tion mounted by Guinness during the company's £2.5

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Doctor who tried to hush up affair with patient struck off

A GP who seduced a patient and then asked her husband to hash up their affair was struck off the medical register yes-

he had "deliberately and seriously abused the trust that should exist between doctors

had told her husband of the four-month affair their mariage had faltered, the pronduct commit the General Medical Council

The mother of two said she the married GP in his surgery and at her home about 15 or 16

Dr Robert Wilson, of Royce Close, West Wittering, West Sussex, admitted adultery with the woman, known only as Mrs A. He was also found

Sir Robert Kilpatrick, committee chairman, said: "You



doctor seduced her during a ome visit while she was her on the first visit and they made love the second tim

with Dr Wilson, He ed all the blame

ause his wife would divorce him and if that happened the ald strike him off."

visit her and within days they had started an affair.

solutely desperate. I was very htened he would leave me.



By Quentin Cowdry, Home Affairs Correspondent

heaps of paper".

productivity targets.

way of helping the victim is by

providing compensation. The

scandalous backlog which has

over because of a "scan- man years of work. Threedalous" backlog of claims at quarters of applicants have to the publicly-funded Criminal wait more than a year for an all-party Commons com- quarter five years ago. mittee said yesterday.

In a withering appraisal, the Select Committee on Home Affairs painted a picture of an workers resolved, on average, organization chronically under-funded, sapped by poor morale and caught in a spiralling decline in which staff were being diverted from case work to investigate complaints about delays.

The committee was also concerned that, in spite of an ever-increasing number of claims, fewer than a quarter of victims of violent crime app-lied for compensation from the board.

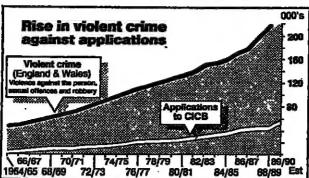
There was a vast reservoir of suffering which, the report said, the organization had a duty to try to mitigate.

Particularly worrying were the relatively few claims submitted relating to child abuse. MPs learnt while compiling the report that this was largely because many parents and council social services departments did not know the scheme existed.

Injuries Compensation Board, payment compared with a ution to the Board's problems As applications have risen. productivity has slumped.

Last year the board's 312 said, would increase the 125 claims each, whereas in 1980, 155 employees each dealt with 170 claims. Dismissing earlier attempts

"sticking plaster solutions", the report proposed the immediate recruitment of 60 staff, better forecasting of demand by the Home Office and the urgent installation of scandalous backlog which has new technology at the board's built up in the board has



Victims of violent crime are 100,000 claims outstanding. London office, described as a meant that a system designed effectively being injured twice the equivalent of over 600 "world of filing cabinets and to help victims is instead

However, the MPs suggested that the long-term solcould lie with the quango being transformed into a Whitehall agency. This, they achieve an "acceptable in-road" into the backlog. management's independence and probably improve the

chances of staff meeting Pointing out that the Gov-ernment had only recently renewed pledges to do more to assist crime victims, they stated: "The most tangible

> An investigation into how the board might better publicize its work. An immediate campaign to

frustrating them."

The MPs said the organization, which when it was set up in 1964 was hailed as one of the most innovative schemes of its kind in the world, had to be set higher productivity targets but given more staff to

"We would certainly expect to see a more ambitious target than 48,000 for the number of resolutions next year and a productivity target higher than 150 per staff member," the report said.

Of paramount importance was the need to improve office technology. MPs said they were "startled" to find that an organization which processed such a large amount of paperwork was virtually devoid of computers. In 1982 an independent scutiny had castieated its record-keeping system and recommended computerization but nothing report

> In addition, MPs suggested that claimants who failed to attend hearings which they had requested should be

rules to allow recruitment of

greater efforts to learn from

the private sector, particularly

insurance firms and manage-

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ment consultants.

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Staff rises in relation to growing claims backlog

The report said more publicity for the board's work would inevitably increase its workload but claimed funding scheme the proper where-That the board made would have to be found to meet "these legitimate claims and meet them quickly".

There should be no question of trying to reduce the board's backlog by being coy about its existence," it added. After the report's release, Sir

compensation payable in mi- tee's chairman, said: "We have an excellent system of compensation in Britain. scheme the proper where-

withal to complete the task."

Compensating Victims Quickly: The Administration of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board; (Commons' Home Af-fairs Committee, 2nd report, 1989-90 session, Stationery OfFrustration caused by delays

which can affect even the mo minor claims, frustrate victims and add to their anxiety, said Mrs Alex McDonnell, coordinator of a victim support scheme in Gateshead. Tyne and Wear (Quentin Cowdre

"There is no rhyme or reason in the delays," she said. Someone who has had his nose broken in a bar brawl can sometimes wait for 12 to 14 settled quicker. But the gen-

Mrs McDounell is one of do around Britain sponsored by the charity, Victim Support says the worst case on be psychological problems after being threatened by an armed robber. "The incident happened in August 1988 yet the

Mrs McDonnell who team of five paid staff and 60 tims said: "The victims tend to get very despondent. We always say, to prevent them building false hopes, that compensation could take up to

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an interest in personal finances, survey says

cases, care too much about the state of their personal finances, according to a Gallup survey published yesterday.

Only two out of five people questioned in the survey.

questioned in the survey claimed to know exactly how much they had in their current bank accounts. Most of the rest said they knew roughly, but one in eight admitted to having little or no idea.

Nearly a third had no idea what the basic rate of tax was, and nearly 44 per cent did not know what proportion of their income went in tax.

Almost nine out of 10 claimed they were confident about handling their finances, although nearly a third said they did not really like dealing with money matters. Most people relied on their own or their partner's financial advice, and only 6 per cent empioyed a profession

accountant Nearly a third said they would rather spend money than save it. Only one in four knew what percentage of income was saved regularly each questioned said they "never" month; most conceded that worried about what would month; most conceded that worried about what would they just put their money in a happen to their families in the they just put their money in a happen to their families in the Mr John Crewe, Acuma's building society to look after event of death, illness or executive vice-president, conitself, and rarely if ever moved serious accident, and a further ceded yesterday that some of their savings to obtain a better quarter "rarely" worried.

she was worth.

Many of those who did so omitted one or more assets insurance policies, jewellery, against death or inability to advising more caution in the antiques, furniture and household goods, and even savings.

Bournemouth, the retire-

of Basingstoke in Hampshire

were rather less happy.

Britain appears to be a Only three out of five claimed sioned by American Expresation of "fritterers" who to have personal or family to mark the launch of a neither know, nor in many goals or objectives for the next year, and only two out of five had plans for the next 10

Most of those cited shortterm aims such as paying off loans or avoiding debts on credit cards or hire purchase. There were also plans for moving house, bolidays and

The survey says: This suggests that most people can look only to the immediate "Most people are happy to take things as they come, and

In important areas of life people have made few plans

about one in five admits that he or she likes to act

lier" British attitude to money

Only two people out of five policies, but only one person all their problems. in five had taken all three fundamental measures of best, and would do so objecsuch as houses, cars, pensions, making a will, and insuring tively, even if that meant

The study was commis- cards.

Southerners bemoan their lot

By Libby Jukes

The survey disclosed that

Whether southerners know

70 per cent of men in the area

social categories.

to mark the launch of a financial planning company, Acuma, and involved inter-views with 937 adults with a broad mix of ages and back-grounds, who all held bank or building society accounts.

The survey concludes that in some of the most important and financial areas of life people have failed to make even the most minimal of plans. It appears from the Gallup research that the majority of respondents exist in a state of ignorance about their finances — and they appear not to mind. "Why enter the maze when

they don't need to, seems the most common reaction."

The company plans to offer individual financial advice packages" for £245 which, it claims is much less than the cost of similar work from an accountant or solicitor. Other possible explanations

cava- for the cavalier British attitude might be the view that matters: the apparent lack of there is more to life than concern about what happens money or that people's affairs to dependents after the person are in such a mess that they dies. More than half of those cannot bear to look beyond the next painful letter from the bank manage

those who came for advice, might be making a cry for One person in three was had made a will. More than 80 help, and that the company unable to estimate what he or per cent had life insurance would not be able to sort out

However it would do its use of their American Express

indulging in a video-film or

some gardening at least once a

week, although a similar num-

ber also made it to the public

Although only a quarter had

ventured outside the region in

the past three months, other

parts of England are the most

popular holiday destination,

with Spain and Portugal sec-

ond. Continental destinations

are unlikely to draw greater numbers with the advent of

the Channel tunnel, with 56

per cent saying they opposed

the project and would not use

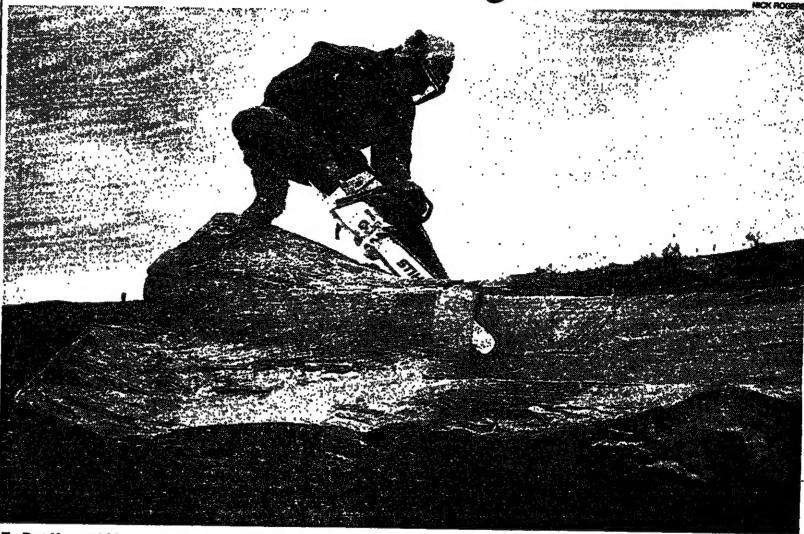
"State of the Region" was

commissioned for the TVS

programme Green and Pleas-

ant Land, screened yesterday.

British wary of taking It's an ill wind that blows no good for craftsman



Jim Partridge, aged 36, a woodworker, carving a bench at his home in Oswestry, Shropshire. Since the 1987 storm he has developed his skill with a chain saw to make seats and benches from fallen trees. Mr Partidge, who also creates smaller items, expects to be in increasing demand after the latest gales.

Love-sick new romantics descend on old valentines

The market in used billetsdoux was booming at Christie's. South Kensington,

An army of buyers, mainly, it appeared, love-sick gentlemen, descended on the auction house and paid extortionate prices for lacey, floral and embossed Victorian valentine

They then scuttled away in breathless triumph, refusing to give their names.

This is the behavioural pattern of new romantic man, who shuns the modern tacky valentine cards which come mainly in categories of "humorous and cute".

Lesser romeos may pay a few pence for 1990-vintage cards featuring teddy bears, rude messages or both. Yesterday's bidders in-

cluded a man from Chelsea who paid £550 for a "valentine fan" decorated with pretty floral pictures and verses (estimate £60 to £100). A man from Devon paid the top price of £385 (estimate £80 One buyer paid £140 for a to £150) for an early nine-group of "humorous cards" teenth century heart-shaped

SALEROOM by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

example which opens to reveal 24 mournful verses. concluding:
"For if you will thus cruel be, And hasten my sad destiny, Pale death at last must stand,

my friend, And bring my Sorrows to an end." Victorian senders were obligingly reticent about add-

ing their own messages to those printed on the cards. and so today's lovers need have few fears of finding messages such as "SWALK" (Sealed With A Loving Kiss) soiling their card. However, it would be a

mistake to get the impression that either Victorian love or the new antique-card buyer consists solely of sacrifice and devotion.

including one which says:

"An old maid's life is better Than wed to such a thing as

you are." Another spent £49.50 on seven, including one which Silk, Satin, Cotton, Wool,

Dressed you look a perfect Ribbons, feathers, flowers,

Can't make amends for such a Over at the International

Silver and Jewellery Fair at the 1960s. the Park Lane hotel, rich romantics can buy actual baubles at the Asprey stand. Here can be found a heartshaped presentation pendant made by Fabergé containing a

shaped lockets, at £18,000. Finally, the rich but disaffected lover can find the ultimate gift: a large, post-coup for Mr Robert Brooks, modernist cage. Intended for the young auctioneer who left birds, it could be adapted for Christie's recently to set up on humans. It is on offer at his own.

Record £1.4m for Aston Martin coupé The most charismatic Aston fetched between £42,000 and Martin ever to come on the £480,000. A Ferrari made

market fetched £1.4 million at more than £150,000. Donington Park, Leicestershire yesterday. The price was the Japanese wine market, just below estimate (Sarah judging from the results of its Jane Checkland writes).

The vehicle, nicknamed "Ivy" after its number plate of I VEV, was one of only 19 Zagato-bodied DB4GT twodoor closed coupés built by the Aston Martin company. It once belonged to Mr John Ogier's private stable at Essex Mouton Rothschild wines and was raced by Jim Clark in from 1945 to 1986.

The price for the vehicle. including the premium, was £1.54 million. It was a world record for a "closed" Aston Martin.

chains supporting nine heart- course as bids rose dramatically from £800,000 to £1.4 million within two minutes.

Sotheby's has conquered

sale in Tokyo yesterday. Sotheby's total of 78.98 million yen (£320,000) entailed an increase of 80 per cent more than the total at any previous sale. Top price was £48,146 (double estimate) for a complete set of Chateau

The Northern Ireland Queen's Gallantry medal awarded to Corporal GA Meredith for "leadership, fortitude, compassion, personal courage and stamina The vehicle was bought by offered due to the financial portrait of Tsar Nicholas II at

£6,500, as well as a Georgian

Mr William Loughran, a classic car dealer, of Preston, withdrawn yesterday from sic car dealer, of Preston, withdrawn yesterday from Lancashire, who stayed the auction at Sotheby's after a private sale to his regiment. Star item at the Sotheby's sale of arms and armour was an ornate, 18th-century Spanish blunderbuss pistol, its trigger formed as a serpent The pistol sold anonymously other rare Aston Martins timate of £3,000.

new estates are among the popular leisure activities are main causes of dissatisfaction. home based, with over a third Nanny who held young girl under water is freed

The grass in the South is not Dr Alan Tomlinson, a Brigh-

necessarily greener than else- ton Polytechnic researcher,

where in Britain, according to found southerners generally a survey of the Home Coun-enjoyed a higher standard of

ties. Sussex, Hampshire and living and better job opportu-

Dorset, published yesterday. nities than their counterparts

households with an annual resentful of sharing their good

income of over £30,000 - fortune with others who cause

about twice the national ay- urban congestion and clutter

ment capital of the South are in full-time employment

Coast, is one notable pocket of and three quarters of its

contentment, but the residents population are in the top three

Predictably, soaring prop- how to enjoy themselves after

erty prices and mushrooming work is debatable. The most

erage - life is not all a bed of up the open spaces.

Even in the 11 per cent of elsewhere in the UK, but were

A nanny who held a young house at Catford, south-east girl's head under water in a fit London, for three months as a of "sheer wanton cruelty" was live-in nanny to look after the freed by a judge yesterday.

Wendy Payne was twice seen ducking the girl aged two in a paddling pool and holding her under water for several seconds, the Inner London Crown Court was told.

She released the girl only after neighbours who saw just sheer wanton cruelty." what was happening screamed at her to stop, a jury was told. tion for three years after

pleaded not guilty to cruelty, atric treatment. He ordered also deliberately tripped the her to pay £100 in compensagirl as they played in a garden tion to her victim. while her parents were at work, the court was told.

child, who cannot be named.

Judge Pryor said Payne had shown "no degree of regret, repentence or remorse". He said: "It isn't even as though you lost your temper as a result of some misbehaviour on the part of the child. This was

He placed Payne on proba-Payne, aged 18, who ordering her to have psychi-

The couple who helped rescue the child were awarded

Clapham turns Japanese and shuns its literary sons

By David Sapsted Although Clapham in south London can count Samuel Pepys, Noël Coward and Graham Greene among its literary sons, the local council has decided that it is kinnosuke "Soseki" Natsume, a Japanese author, who should have the anique honour of a statue erected to his

memory on Clapham Common. The decision by Labour-controlled Lambeth Council to celebrate a writer who spent 18 months in the borough at the start of this century developing a dislike for England and the English has outraged local historians and English Heritage.

Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, is now being asked by the Clapham Society to intervene to prevent the erection of She had been staying at the £100 each out of central funds. a statue which, opponents say, will

be "out of place and out of proportion to Soseki's importance in this years, has twinned with a town in would be much more appropriate."

Although Mr Natsume's name might not fall readily from the lips of the man on the Clapham omnibus, the council says he is one of Japan's most famous scribes and whose head appears on the 1,000 yen note.

More relevant, perhaps, is the fact that the council is planning to twin with the author's home town of Shinjuku, whose mayor originally proposed that the 2.1-metre high (almost 7ft) bronze bust should be erected on the common, opposite the lodgings in The Chase, where Soseki stayed.

In itself, Lambeth's decision to link up with Shinjuku, a prosperous suburb described by the Clapham Society as a "Japanese Weybridge". marks something of a departure for

Nicaragua, a suburb of Moscow and a community in Sierra Leone.

"The idea appears to be that the statue will attract thousands of Japanese tourists to Clapham every year," Mrs Diana Ross, secretary of the Clapham Society, said. "Our objection is that the charac-

ter of the common should not be destroyed by statues, especially when the likes of Pepys, William Wilberforce, Sir Charles Barry [architect of the Houses of Parliament] and others with close ties with the borough have never been honoured in such a way.

"We are not opposed to bonouring Soseki - indeed, we feel it could help in the mutual sharing of the cultural heritage of our two countries - but we feel a blue plaque from English

A spokesman for the council,

whose amenity committee last week approved the erection of the statue, said: "Natsume is one of the most important Japanese writers of the 20th century. "His time in Clapham marked the

starting point of his important writing period and now this statue has been offered to us as a gift. There is no question of his being given preferential treatment. If someone offered us a statue of Shakespeare tomorrow we would be delighted."

Plans for the statue now have to go before Mr Patten for his approval, legal experts having assured the council that its erection would not represent any loss of amenity value on the common. The council denies

that the writer was ever an Anglophobe and says he spent his two years in Britain in Clapham.

However Mr John Haylock, an authoritative source on the writer, said in an article in The London Magazine that Soseki had come to England in 1900 on a scholarship from the Japanese government.

"They were unhappy years because the bursary ... was not enough to live on comfortably in London. He liked neither England nor the English and did little except read in his lodgings, which he changed five times. Soseki, however, did admit that he admired the freedom and the individualism that existed in England."

The only other statue on Clapham Common is an elaborate drinking fountain erected by the Temperance Society in 1860.

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Teachers may have to stay with same primary pupils

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Mrs Angela Rumbold, Min-ister of State for Education and Science, believes the change would benefit both teachers and children.

She said in Copenhagen yes-terday: "More and more children are coming from families where partners change and to have the same teacher throughout their time in

child to have one teacher they could work well with and with whom they could discuss any

Mrs Rumbold was speaking at the end of a four-day visit to Denmark where the same teacher stays with a class from seven to 16. She is, however, unlikely to recommend the system for secondary schools where she believes pupils have sufficient maturity to deal with changes of teachers.

The Government's concern about standards of teaching in primary school is highlighted by the annual report of the chief inspector of schools, published this week.

Mrs Rumbold believes her

make life more interesting for the primary teachers and improve standards.

"It would be good for the teachers who would have to renew their skills and check their knowledge every year to move on with their class instead of doing the same thing every year. I am sure it would be would be more stimulating and more productive for

have the same teacher throughout their time in school would give a kind of security in what must be a bewildering environment.

"It would be good for a child to have one teacher they Mrs Rumbold was also tween colleges and schools in

ing is a skilled job and it does not matter how clever you are on a subject if you cannot communicate with the children. We need to extend the Some may be scared to return, amount of practical training for our teachers."

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The minister said the Govgreater role in teacher training. Extra resources would be provided and more staff appointed to handle the class-

Mrs Rumbold said that

Higher grades target

A national campaign to increase the educational achievement of Scotland's school leavers was called for yesterday by Mr Hamish Morrison, chief executive of the Scottish Council, ent and Industry. He suggested that an appropriate target to set would be five standard grade passes by 60 per cent

of pupils by 2001, which is already achieved in West Germany. While he had high hopes for Scottish Enterprise, the new development and training body, he believed that vocational training on its own would not provide the competitiveness necessary to succeed in the new Europe.

"If we are to be as economically successful as we hope, by the end of the century some 33 per cent of our working population must be qualified for professional or managerial occupations," he said. "Unless we can reach our target for educational achievement, all the vocational training in the world will not prevent us slipping down the European league table."

way of bringing back teachers who have left the classroom.

ernment would consider nom-inating some schools to play a quite shattered by the reception they get. They are full of enthusiasm but are put off by the downbeat atmosphere.

but we must find ways for

them to get their feet under the

"We should capitalize on that enthusiasm, admit that it can be quite difficult, but concentrate on making it a good experience and more attractive so that we keep people in our schools."

The Government is clearly concerned that some teacher training institutions are still adhering to the theories of the 1960s.

Mrs Rumbold said she would consider arrangements for experienced teachers to enter colleges and lecturers to work in schools. "It would benefit both. If you stay doing the same thing for too long, your techniques can become quite good, but your ideas remain fixed.

"We do not do enough to encourage teachers to give us their ideas. We ought to do more to stimulate people to come up with new ideas," she

Accessories steal the show



Richly embroidered accessories from the Lesage spring and summer collection being modelled by January Dickson at Liberty, central London, yesterday. The gold work handbag costs £1,780 and the cuff £520. Archive work from Lesage is also being exhibited.

Flat note as opera singers fall out

A discordant note struck when two opera singers decided to share a flat, beginning a long-running wrangle over its ownership that ended in the

High Court yesterday. Miss Gaynor Miles, a so-prano, said the north London flat she bought six years ago entirely belonged to her and Miss Stacey Almond, her for-mer flatmate, had no finencial mer flatmate, had no financial

interest in it. Miss Almond however said they had an oral agreemen that she had a one-third interest in the two-bedroom flat in Cricklewood

Miss Almond said they had agreed Miss Miles should buy the flat in her sole name because at that time Miss

Almond was unemployed. She said that in return for paying £250 towards the purchase price, helping with decorating, and paying about half the mortgage and out-goings, it was agreed Miss Almond should receive a onethird interest in the flat.

She said the friendship struck a low note, however, when Miss Miles made it difficult for her to practise singing by playing records loudly, until she finally left.

Dismissing her action, Mr Justice Morritt said that although Miss Almond had asked for a share in the flat,

Salary reviews

Performance-linked pay studied by CBI

By Tim Jones, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Confederation of British Each member of staff will Industry and other employers' ganizations are studying oposals which could end the nnual pay round in favour of a scheme linking rewards to

Percentage levels of performance schemes (Plops), which are gaining ground in spite of union objections, have been introduced in the motor industry, whose heavily unionised structure historically demands

a single negotiated rate. The most radical form of Piops is being operated by the Alliance and Leicester Build-Alliance and Leicester Banding Society, which is encouraging "dead wood" stuff to leave
by awarding them no ansual
pay rises wille high achievers
receive salary increases of up
to 20 per cent. Under the
scheme, staff are rated anscheme, staff are rated anreviewed for the first time last
very un an all-merit basis. nually between zero and 200 per cent for their attitude,

Those achieving 100 per cest or more are guarant the average rise, which was 11 per cent last year, while those who score 85 per cent or less receive nothing and face

troduced in 1987, the turnover ing the company's most ained staff has failen to only 3 per cent while half of the 150 or so who achieved ags have left.

Mr Mike Nicholson, assis

personnel and training, said: Unlike most companies who give everyone a basic pay rise and hold back some money to distribute in merit rises, we do not believe in paying people just for turning up for work." In a different scheme, the 3,000 employees of Scottish Widows, the financial services ny, stand to gain boruses of up to 8 per cent this

ments will enable some to earn

an additional one per cent. IBM, which employs more than 18,000 in Britain, has for years graded its employees on a scale of one to four. Their pay depends on how well they carry out annual performance

Performance or merit pay is also given to shop floor work-ers at Nissan's plant at Washington, Type and Wear, where only about a quarter of employees are unionised.

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has also been introduced for most administrative grades in Whitehall. From his ceive part of their

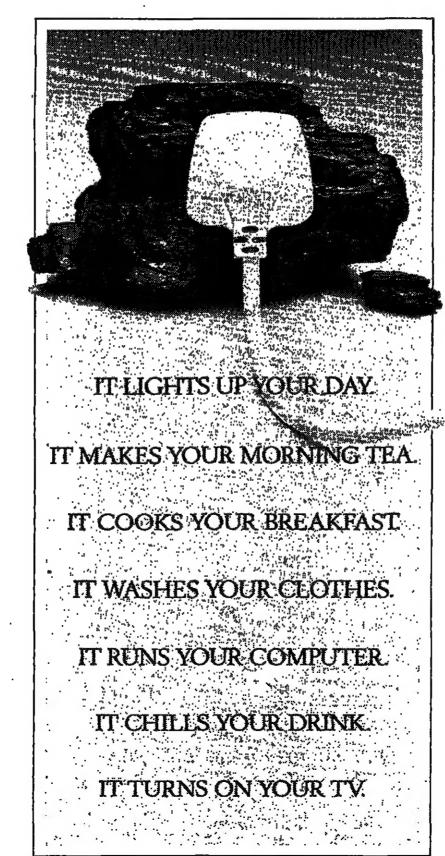
The CBI said yesterday it was obvious that Plops were becoming increasingly wide-spread. The organization is carrying out a survey into their

erate the schemes believe they improve pefermance both of employees and the con The TUC said that while it

fully supported increase performance, it believed there were "few jobs where it can be measured in a fair and ob The TUC said Plops could

also create divisions which would be counter- productive improve the quality of service. to the company's performance.

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A man accused of slashing a painting worth an estimated £1 million at the National Gallery, London, was committed for trial at Southwark Crown Court by Bow Street magistrates

Martin Paul Came, aged 27 and unemployed, of Copplestone Drive, Exeter, is charged with criminal damage to "La Madonna Del Gatto" on January 10. The work was painted by Italian master Federico Baroccio before 1577. An application for bail was refused.

Forty-eight Aids deaths were reported in Britain last month, the Department of Health said, taking the toll to the end of January to 1,660.

TB slaughter A herd of 136 deer is being slaughtered on a farm near Dalbeattie, Dumfries and Galloway, because of tuber-culosis. It is the first com-

oulsory slaughter in Scotland. Monks dug up Workmen have unearthed the workmen have interactive skeletons of eight 12th-century monks while digging in the garden of a house in Monks Road, Lincoln.

Rise in crime

Crime rose in Derbyshire by 13 per cent last year, according to the annual police report, with burglaries up 8 per cent.

Council role

Nature Conservancy Council has made Dr Derek Langslow chief scientist to succeed Dr Peter Bridgewater. He is now director of policy, planning and services.

Aids death toll Cash warning Inspector Tony Kimble of Dunstable police, Bedfordshire, has warned the public to be wary of conmen posing as suspended ambulance work-

ers collecting money. Hoax case

A police constable is to appear before Winchester magistrates in connection with a bomb hoax in Andover, Hampshire, last summer. The officer, who has not been named, as been suspended on full pay.

Fraud charge

A policeman charged with credit card fraud and stealing mail appeared before Nottingham magistrates. Police Constable Jonathan Pregen, aged 27, of Arnold, Nottingham shire, was remanded in custody until tomorrow.

Violin theft

Police are hunting a mugger who grabbed an 80-year-old violin worth £3,000 from a woman in a park in Handsworth, Birmingham. It, is marked "Williams Five".

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ard Shevardnadze, the Soviet distorting the essence of the Foreign Minister, had a heat-matter? After all, I have the ed row with Mr Yegor Ligachov at the Central Committee meeting this week over allegations that the Kremlin hardliner, without President Gorbachov's knowledge, had authorized the dispatch of troops to Tbilisi, the Georgian

capital, to quell unrest. Pravda, which published yesterday what it said was the full text of the speeches at the meeting, reported that other committee members, apparentiv stunned, sat in silence. In an interview published in

the liberal weekly, Ogonyok, the head of a parliamentary commission had charged that Mr Ligachov chaired a secret meeting of top officials which sent in the troops last April without the knowledge of either Mr Gorbachov or Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Prime

Twenty people died and more than 200 were wounded when the Army broke up a protest with poison gas.

Mr Ligachov, in his speech to the Central Committee on Tuesday, denied the allega-tions, saying that the entire senior leadership approved the plan at a special meeting.

But Mr Shevardnadze, a close ally of Mr Gorbachov, events and said that the issue had been settled by a parliamentary commission. In the interests of justice, I want to say there was no Politburo meeting (on the use of troops)," he said.

"It was categorically announced, there was a categorical statement by the general secretary, that the Politburo should settle the problem by political means," he said.

Mr Ligachov interjected: "Eduard Amvrosiyevich, there are no discrepancies between us."

Mr Shevardnadze re-

A special task force on Germany, set

up by the European Commission to

look at East Germany and the

its first meeting yesterday, as of-ficials here studied the Bonn plan

for fiscal unity between East and

Herr Helmut Kohl, the West

German Chancellor, telephoned M Jacques Delors, the Commission

President, on Wednesday night to

extend the Deutsche mark zone to

East Germany would not affect his

country's commitment to European

economic and monetary union

The Chancellor said there would

be no delay in following the EC

timetable, agreed at last month's

Strasbourg summit, which calls for

an intergovernmental conference at

the end of the year. This will draw

up proposals for a new treaty to

stages of the Delors report on EMU.

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magazine of four million is parliamentary delegation, right to express my point of

Mr Ligachov asked the Central Committee: "Why do you remain silent, dear comrades?"

Mr Gorbachov, trying to mediate, said: "I think we must finish this first part and move on,

However, Mr Shevardnadze continued: "I think there is no reason for such a morbid reaction ... I am not discussing it with you, but asking a ques-tion. Why was it necessary to begin the discussion after the (work of) the parliament?" Mr Ligachov: "I didn't start

Mr Shevardnadze: "I am

Moscow (Reuter) - A Soviet nuclear submarise armed with intercontinental ballistic misiles suffered a serious accident in December during a weapons test, but no lives were lost, the daily Komsomolskaya Pravide newspaper said yes-terday. The report said 'large damage was done to the sur-rounding water and territory". rounding water and territory", making it clear that either the

not blaming you." Mr Gor-bachov issued another appeal

Mr Ligachov said rumours aimed at him were part of a campaign to distract the people from threats to President Gorbachov's programme of reform

Medvedev adu Vadim Medvedev, the Soviet Communist Party's ideology chief, admitting yesterday that many of the party's ideas had been misconceived, acknowledged some Anglo-Saxon ones were right (Andrew McEwen

In a speech to the Royal Institute of International Aftorted:"I am not saying there fairs in London, Mr are discrepancies. But listen, Medvedev, who is in Britain

commissioners most closely in-

volved in relations with Germany, under the leadership of Herr Martin

Bangemann, the Internal Market Commissioner, and including M

Delors and Mr Frans Andriessen,

the External Affairs Commissioner

commissioners, are included.

after the March elections.

carried by the Community.

Neither Sir Leon Brittan nor Mr Bruce Millan, the two British

Herr Bangemann said the task force, in constant touch with the new unification unit in the Bonn

Government, now considered it most likely that the five East

German Lander (states) would vote

to join the Federal Republic soon

pay up to 80 per cent of the extra

costs, but the rest would have to be

He said the EC could not remain

static in the rapidly changing situa-

tion. The priority was to convince

East Germans to stay in their

country by offering them political

and economic opportunities. The

West Germany would probably

said: "We have abandoned our view of man as the means of the state's pragmatic poli-cies ... the end, however lofty it may be, can not justify any means to achieve it. The florting of moral standards in politics and in life always

backfires against the people. The party had realized that many of the economic mechanisms, political theories and philosophical concepts, which it previously deemed fallacious because they were considered bourgeois, were in fact "the property of all civilization". He acknowl-

edged that the market, of itself, did not give tise to exploitation, but was a sen-sitive instrument which the Soviet Union must learn to use. "The ideas of people's sovereignty, civil society, parliamentarism and the separation of power, which were developed and elaborated in the Anglo-Saxon political cul-

But Mr Medvedev pointed out: "Perestroika is not a departure from socialism, as some conservative critics ... try to convince us. It is a transition from the state authoritarian model of society to democratic, humane and man-orientated socialism."

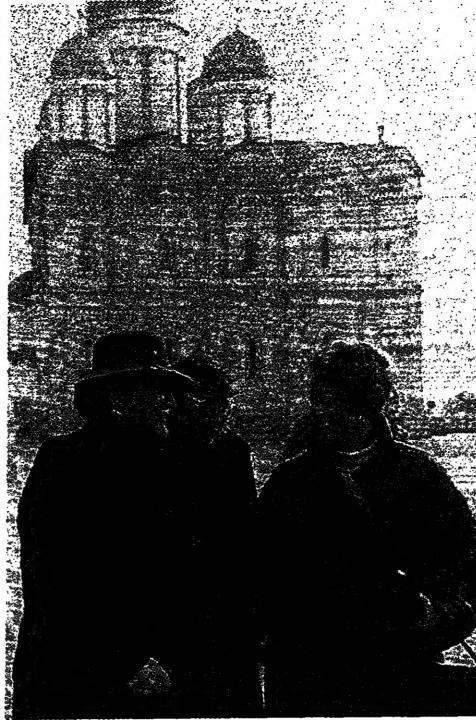
ture are ... part of the com-

mon human values." he said.

He said the party bad "absolutely no intention" of abandoning the positive elements in its policies. "Peres-

a new construction project." Some of Mr Medvedev's views would not have sounded out of place coming from a British Labour Party politician. "We are opposed to the ideology and psychology of equality in poverty," he

There was general agree-ment, he said, on the need to establish a market, but one regulated on socialist lines. He showed no enthusiasm for the free market principles flourishing in the West.



In conference: Mrs Sesan Baker, right, wife of the US Secretary of State, and Mrs Naneli Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister's wife, chatting outside the Kremlin yesterday.

Nato revises arms cut offer to East bloc

By Michael Binyon, Brussels and Michael Evans, London

ventional Forces in Europe.

The move came as Britain prepared a strategy to draw France back into Nato's decision-making process for the collective security of Europe. Senior British ministers are arguing that French fears over German unification can best towards German unity were be met by France taking a compatible and mutually more active role in joint dependent, security decisions.

One of the main con-cessions offered to the Warsaw Pact in Vienna yesterday was to include all vehicles down to 13 tonnes in the ceiling of 20,000 tanks for both alliances in Europe. Previously Nato had insisted on including only vehicles above 20 tonnes, to which the Soviet delegation in particular had objected. Sources said the Kremlin was afraid the upper limit would allow the West to build up its stock of modern

Also, the ceiling for armoured combat vehicles, which was recently raised from 28,000 to 30,000 for each side, now has three sub-headings: Armoured personnel-carriers, armoured infantry fighting vehicles, like Britain's Warrior, and heavy armament combat vehicles, which is anything with a 75 mm gun that weighs more than seven tonnes, such as the British Scorpion and the French AXM 10. Nato has proposed a new sub-ceiling on the heavy armament vehicles

The West also agreed to drop its previous ceiling on taking advantage of the alli-combat aircraft from 5,700 to ance as a partner in the 4,700 on each side, the East's original figure. This would be achieved mainly by excluding so-called primary trainers, which are lightly armed, a category where the Warsaw Pact has a big advantage with 2,200 to the West's 900.

In another significant concession, Nato agreed to allow an additional separate category of 500 so-called air-defence interceptors on each side, giving an overall total of

Nato yesterday also drop-ped its insistence on including all military helicopters in the talks. It has now agreed to consider only those armed with anti-tank missiles and to exclude lightly armed "combat-support" helicopters. Countries could move heli-copters from the first to the second category by disarming them under strict conditions. Herr Manfred Worner, the Secretary-General of Nato, yesterday called on the alliance urgently to develop a

common concept for German He said Nato was not an obstacle to German unity, nor to European integration, Ger-

Nato formally tabled revised man unity would come and proposals for troop and air- politicians and diplomats had craft cuts yesterday in a bid to to recognize this. They had to remove the remaining ob- develop a framework so that stacles in the way of a swift the process was smooth and agreement in Vienna on Con- harmonious and avoided cri-. ses or erratic developments that put all of Europe at risk.

In his most outspoken comment on German unification. the former German Defence Minister said in a speech in Hamburg that the continued existence of Nato and progress "To make the dissolution of

the Alliance a sine qua non of German unity would deprive both Germany and Europe of a hasic force for stability. Only firm anchoring in the West can provide the fundan stability for the difficult process in which we are engaged." He said a drifting, neutral Germany could not be a solution. "It would not even be in the enlightened self-interest of the Soviets There is no acceptable alternative to Germany remaining anchored in the Atlantic Alli ance - and belonging to the

European Community ... "The Soviet Union will have to accept - and is probably already on the way to doing so - that its security will be enhanced rather than impaired by the loss of its Central and East European buffer

Moscow's security interest would be better served by intensification of the disarmament process, further reduction of military forces and extension of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE) process, taking advantage of the allimanagement of peace.

He saw two ways of protect ing Soviet security interests with a united Germany in Nato: either a special military status for East German territory, or an agreement not to extend military integration to that territory.

It was crucial that the European Community, Nato and the CSCE should be developed as a framework for German and European unity. Coner Cruise O'Brien, page 12 Leading article, page 13



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Herr Wörner: Call for a common concept on unity.

Brussels studies plan for German fiscal harmony

task force would also look at the military aspects of unity later.

The new German monetary union would fit in with the timetable for EMU, as the period would be long

enough.

Asked about the scepticism on German unity recently raised in Benn by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, Herr Bangemann tartly replied: "I have never known Mr Hurd be enthusiastic about envihing at all. So that doesn't worry me. But you have to ask: what are the alternatives?"

He said those who feared the political and economic weight of a larger Germany in the EC should ask if a united Germany would be better outside the Community. West Germany was already strong, but had never used its influence in the EC in a "disloyal" way.

Reactions to the Bonn plan for German monetary union have been mixed. Some officials pushing hardest for the Delors plan say Herr Kohl's proposals could even speed progress toward a common European currency.

"The exchange rate mechanism

could live with it," one official said. "It all depends how it is done, and on the conversion rate of the East German mark. It is not necessarily inflationary." There might have to be a single realignment of the rates, he said. So far, the proposal has strengthened the Deutsche mark, instead of the long-term weakening

On the political side, he said the Bonn Government's overruling of Dr Karl Otto Pohl, president of the sceptics of the Delors plans for EMU, could put his own independence into question. This might make it easier for the Bonn Government - and other Community members — to take a different line from him in the future.

However, there is considerable incertainty here over the effect of the Kohl plan. The group of five commissioners now accept that the

unrealistic: the country is more likely to come in as part of a larger Germany, and negotiations will have to start with Bonn on what special arrangements must be made to phase in EC law.

prospect of East Germany entering

the EC as its 13th member is

The German task force will insist that East Germany cannot enter the EC, even in loose federation with West Germany, before a radical

Legal and institutional issues will still remain, and the new German state may suddenly find that, instead of being the paymaster of Europe, it will be entitled to regional funds to bring living standards in its eastern territory up to the higher Community average. There will be opposition from other poorer EC states, such as Ireland and Greece, if their funds are cut.

The task force will also have to decide whether the larger Germany would be entitled to more commissioners than the present two.

New unrest stirs in cradle of revolution

From Philip Jacobson, Timisoara

stray bullets in fierce fighting here a few weeks ago, an cruption of sharp-edged posters signals the opening of what many consider the second round of Timisoara's struggle

So far, the exchanges are purely political, but mounting anger in the city about the direction in which the new rulers of Romania are taking the nation is reflected in the increasingly harsh tones of these writings on the wall.

Scrawled by hand or crudely printed, anonymous or signed the posters ask the same question endlessly debated by the big crowds that gather to read each fresh crop: What has happened to the revolution that we began here? And the long arguments this provokes suggest that the great surge of solidarity, the bond of common purpose that emerged after the massacre of peaceful demonstrators in Opera Square, is now being tested to

At the heart is a pervasive belief that the wrong people like this, officials in Colonel are somehow still running Dumistrescu's position were Timisoara: the brutal, the well known public figures, and stayed on because "someone

On buildings pock-marked by corrupt, the time-serving the decision to retain him and has to act as a witness"). Anger washed their hands of Tiparty backs, all those whom the downfall of Nicolae Ceausescu was supposed to have swept away for ever. Take Lieutenant-Colonel Dumistrescu of the local mi-

litia, who was the city's chief traffic officer before the uprising: a notoriously venal and widely detested figure by all accounts. In a scathing contribution to the poster campaign, one Mr Victor Mitetelu recalls how, as protests against the dictatorship mounted on the day of the shootings, Decem-

ber 17, the colonel was seen arresting and beating up demonstrators. "He was urging on his thugs before our very eyes," Mr Mitetelu writes, demanding to know how such a person could possibly have been promoted to a top job in police headquarters soon after the National Salvation Front took control of Timisoara. "Who is protecting and sustaining him in this post, and why?"

In a small and clannish city

a dozen or more others reached a peak in the run-up considered hardline Ceau- to elections for a new district sescu lovalists causes genuine

"Here, look at this!" said a Front. young man, pulling me over to a leastet devoted to a vigorous character assassination of Victor Popa of Timisoara TV. "I know this guy, and he was a real crawier under the old regime. All of a sudden, he's come a democrat and still has a good job there. It's just

Such resentment can only be focused, ultimately, on the new civilian authorities, who are already roundly bersted for having "kidnapped" the revolution and appropriated power in Timisoara for their

According to reliable sources here, only one of the original 13 Timisoara men who literally took their life into their hands by meeting Ceausescu's envoys in the immediate aftermath of the massacre now remains on the Front's 51-member regional committee (an actor called Valentin Vartan, he says he

council that was to replace the entrenched membership of the

The banners may have hailed the first free and democratic poll in Romania". but feelings were running very high after a series of pro-cedural wrangles forced the vote to be delayed four times. Earlier this month, angry demonstrators marched on the Front's headquarters to protest at the delay, and although the election did fieyes of a hastily appointed independent watchdog group - Timisoara was soon alive with rumours that the new council would not be allowed

In the midst of such confusion, people naturally looked to the Army for guidance and reassurance. But, apart from bored conscripts guarding public buildings, and a few red-tabbed officers busiling around with shiny attaché cases, there is no real military presence here any longer.

misoara, with its tiresome feuding about the workings of democracy, not to mention the locals' habit of reminding visitors that it was the Army which shot most of the demonstrators here. A military spokesman would certainly not be drawn on suggestion that the troops might eventually be called on to resolve any serious confrontation over who wields civilian authority.

All of which brings us back to the latest wall posters, attacking the Timisoara police force for refusing to accept Lieutenant-Colonel Viorel Oancea as their new boss. He had changed sides when it was still highly dangerous, and was wounded fighting for the revolution. Understandably, he is a popular local figure, generally most acceptable to the public, but the police threatened to strike if he gets

"What stupendous nerve!" explodes one anonymous pamphleteer. "These are the same bastards who were ready to strike down strikers in Perhaps the generals have Ceausescu days."

Letter from Moscow

Customs sets up shop to corner the black market

Intil this week no one would have than three times its reserve price, the thought of going to the railwaymen's cognoscenti in the audience suggested that this club to buy a video recorder or a personal computer. But on Wednesday this was the venue for the first of what may well become a regular feature of Moscow life: the Soviet Customs auction.

A motley collection of Soviet citizens. including a good sprinkling of swarthy southerners in leather jackets and shiny trousers, gathered at 10am for three hours of commerce and entertainment. There was a suave, fast-talking auctioneer, and the inevitable four-person commission at the back of the platform to arbitrate. Tickets cost an exorbitant 10 roubles - in a

country where the average evening at the theatre costs less than four. There was no room for voyeurs at the pre-auction exhibition cither, when only auction tickets would guarantee admission. But with the starting price of the cheapest lot - a Sony stereo taperecorder - set at 1,200 roubles (the equivalent of six months' wages for the average Soviet worker) the ticket price was unlikely to be a deterrent. Six hundred tickets were printed, and at least 500 people turned up.

The shabbiness of the sale catalogue - a duplicated list of technical descriptions and prices on recycled paper, no photographs belied the attractions of the goods on offer. Exclusively Western or Japanese electronic

products - looking doubly stylish and efficient in their unaccustomed Soviet setting - were followed by a succession of gold and diamond iewellery and three fur coats.

As one of the auction organizers explained at the beginning, all the items had been confiscated by the Customs as illegal exports. Some people set hold of Western goods on the Soviet black market and take them abroad to fund their stay. The didacticism of the introduction was deliberate, but not appreciated. "And another thing," said the organizer, before handing over to the auctioneer. "If you try to smuggle drugs across the border in your car,

the car gets confiscated along with the drugs." "Why don't you auction off the drugs, then?" shouted someone from the audience who was about to bid for lot number one - a Polish-made saloon car. The car was finally hammered down for 27,000 roubles - a sum equivalent to £27,000 at the old official exchange rate, and a more reasonable £2,700 at the new, tourist rate. Although this was more

cognoscenti in the audience suggested that this was about right: the sort of price you might pay - perish the thought - on the black market. The stars of the auction, however, to

universal surprise, were two desk-top photocopiers. From a reserve of 6,000 roubles, each was hammered down after fierce bidding for more than 40,000 roubles. "Stratospheric"; was how one Russian described the prices. The reason was evident in a question shouted up to the platform as the first copier was brought out: "If we buy it, can we legally keep it?" A hurried consultation by the commission decided that the law was being changed; there would be no "unpleasantness"

The two-day auction was the latest attempt by the Soviet authorities to reduce the hold of the black market on the economy by providing legal, if ideologically questionable, alternatives. It had an added educational element: it warned Soviet citizens of the risk of smuggling and the likelihood of getting caught. It also gave the authorities a good idea of what "deficit" goods like personal computers will fetch on the black market - and how high they could be priced to undermine the illegal trade.

But it did not pass without controversy. "We were promised anonymity," shouted a couple of swarthy, denim-clad men from one corner as a photographer turned his lens on them. Their appeal was echoed from the other side of the hall as a television camera; supposedly making a promotional film for the Customs service, zoomed in. The commission decided to ban the cameras.

As the last lots were announced, people became restless. A cry went up from the floor: "Has anyone not paid for their goods - will they be going back under the hammer?" The commission consulted; it transpired that a few people had asked for their purchases to be held until 5pm so they could get the money. There was uproar. "The rules say you have to pay in full within half an hour of bidding or the goods go back for resale," people shouled. "Why

have rules if you don't keep them?" Finally came the standard Soviet verdict. The commission has decided. That is how it will be." The goods would not go back for resale until five o'clock.

Mary Dejevsky

Meana, the EC Environment towards a politically united observing the EC directives green issues, although an ad-

Commissioner urges growth of EC green powers

From Peter Guilford Brussels

The European Community's most senior environment official has called for greater treaty powers permitting the European Commission to enforce anti-pollution directives and combat the dismal environmental record of some

Signor Carlo Ripa de Commission as a first step

that, when Community leaders attend their inter-governmental conference in December on economic and monetary union, a separate conference could give Brussels fresh environmental powers. This echoes the remarks of

M Jacques Delors, the Com-

mission President, whose re-

cent call for a more muscular

ticism, not least in Britain. A "green police force" of EC inspectors was required, Sitravel round the Community hunting down those who

flouted EC pollution standards. Environment grants to the most disobedient states could be docked, he warned. He told reporters that almost all EC countries were not European court rulings on

Commissioner, yesterday said Europe was greeted with scep- and that some persistently viser added that the Comrefused to meet EC standards. mission was still keeping an Britain got off lightly as the gnor Ripa de Meana said, to on his native Italy, which faces 40 separate actions in the European Court of Justice. Denmark and Luxembourg

were "in the vanguard" of EC

pollution control, said Signor

Ripa de Meana. He praised

Britain for always obeying

eye on the quality of Britain's bathing water. The Commissioner's new

carrot-and-stick policy -which he appears to have announced early in order to win public support before tackling his fellow commissioners - also envisages a new "environmental fund" to help pay for tougher anti-pollution

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East Berlin opposition finds short cut to unity

From Ian Murray, Bonn

Germany could be legally in Brussels this week by Herr united immediately after the East German elections on March 18, say the opposition Social Democrats (SPD). They now believe the newly elected East German Volkskammer (parliament) will exercise its right under West Germany's Basic Law to ac-cede to the Federal Republic by May at the latest.

As the Basic Law stands there would then be nothing to national commitments and prevent the democratically make sure that the proper elected members of the international agreements are volkskammer going to Bonn to join the Bundestag. Since polls suggest that the SPD in the East is likely to win 54 per the East of the vote against 11 per the sum of the vote against 11 per th cent of the vote against 11 per cent for the Christian Demo-crats (CDU) there, this would down that its jurisdiction covers the original West Ger-man Lander and adds: "In crats (CDU) there, this would give the opposition in the Bundestag a healthy overall majority capable of voting Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, out of power.

This scenario is causing considerable concern, not only inside the CDU but among the allies, who have been relying on an international convention from 1954 to give them the final say for any reunification.

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Tomorrow Herr Kohl and Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the Foreign Minister, fly to Moscow in an attempt to reassure President Gorbachov that the reunification of Ger-many does not threaten Soviet security. The visit is part of an undertaking to keep all four victorious Second World War powers closely informed of developments.

There is growing certainty that reunification in principle will be a quick process, with the necessary international negotiations being forced through at relative breakneck pace to keep up with

Herr Herbert Helmrich, a lawyer and CDU member who heads the Bundestag's legal committee, has agreed that the SPF's interpretation of the Basic Law is correct, and warned that it makes accession likely much sooner than had welcomed the fall of the

Länder (states) will take this short cut to reunification.

Manfred Brunner, a senior West German EC official. He said: "I believe it is probable that immediately after March 18 the East German Länder, which legally never ceased to exist, will be reconstituted and will declare their accession to the Federal Republic."

There is confidence among the allies, however, that West Germany will honour its intermake sure that the proper

other parts of Germany it shall be put into force on their sion." This in essence was the route followed by the Saarland after it voted to join the Federal Republic in 1955. If the Volkskammer decides to reconstitute the five East German Länder – Thuringia, Saxony, Lower Saxony, Brandenburg and Mecklenburg they could then exercise the right in the Basic Law to put it

The three Western allies' rights were last defined in the 1954 Paris Convention, signed with West Germany, which said they retained their powers and responsibilities relating to Berlin and to Germany as a whole, including the reunification of Germany and a peace settlement".

into force. No plebiscite

would be needed.

Another article of the convention says that the allies "will co-operate to achieve, by peaceful means, their common aim of a reunified Germany enjoying a liberaldemocratic constitution like that of the Federal Republic".

The newspaper Bild says that Britain will be left as an outsider in the reunification issue. For weeks past, it says, Mrs Thatcher has been "grumbling along" against reunification, even though she THEIR MAX Streibl, the Christican Social Union (CSU) however, the paper says that the Länder (states) will take the christian was "much too early" and it was "much too early" and "much too early" an as also predicted that the was "much too early" and that ander (states) will take this the task now was to build a real democracy and bring The same point was made about economic reform.

ers abandoned hopes of an

mous states, several key offices were sited in far-off

Diplomats posted to "the

small town in Germany" in-

sisted on a special clause in

their lease, giving them the right to cancel it at short notice because their govern-ments lived in expectation of their needing to move to Ber-lin. This type of "diplomatic

lin. This type of "diplomatic clause" has since become recognized internationally.

But in the mid-1980s the

Government decided that the

dream was still a long way from fulfilment.

Cranes sprouted along the B9—the main road from the diplomats' dormitory of Bad Godesberg to Bonn τ and a

new ministry quarter was

At the same time an expen-

sive renovation for the Bun-

destag, which meets in a converted school with no

Berlin is growing daily, so Herr Hans Daniels, the Mayor, is mounting a cam-

paign to try to keep the capital
in both senses. For being

West Germany's centre has

At least 100,000 people rely

for their job on Bonn's being

for their job on Bonn's being the federal capital — one in three of the working population. There is virtually no other industry, and if the civil servants and diplomats left—to say nothing of the journal-ties a there would be a lot of

ists - there would be a lot of

empty houses round.

But the pressure to move to

front door, was begun.

places - including Berlin.

Capital gains and losses

Bonn sees future of empty houses

From Ian Murray, Boan

bitious Rhineside schemes. Ironically, it was only in the 1980s that West German rul-My landlord and the Federal Press Office have come to the same conclusion: Bonn's days as a German capital are probably numbered. early united Germany with Berlin its capital again.

As befitting a federal repub-lic with 11 largely autono-

Twice in the past week ministers have made reassurng noises that the federal buildings are here to stay, but as reunification fever takes hold on the country, they are drowned out by excited cries on all sides of "Berlin, capital of a united Germany".

My landlord, three months after signing a three-year extendable lease, appeared at the door with an apology and a letter saying that he was selling up. "All you journalists and diplomats will be moving to

• In the 1980s the Government decided that reunification was a long way off 9

started. A museum for the history of the Federal Republic was agreed, along with a new art and exhibition hall. Berlin before long," he prophesied. "The bottom will drop out of the rent market and I am trying to get rid of this before it is too late."

The press and information office, whose 700 employees have been spread all round Bonn down the years, have at last been promised a new and spacious office near the Bundestag.

The plans so far have cost about £5 million but the price of the new block on the banks transformed the economy of this sleepy university town and it fears ruin if Berlin comes back into its own. of the Rhine was put at £80 million in the last federal

Now the scheme is on ice because "we don't know if we will stay here or move to Berlin". Although the Gov-ernment has promised to complete its recent and massive building programme in Bonn, it is waiting to see what happens about a national capital before committing more taxpayers' money to amKinnock advocates caution over troop reductions

The Labour leader, Mr Neil Kinnock, said yesterday that Britain risked "being put on the sidelines in the dev-elopment in Europe", and accused the Government of nostalgia for the uncertainties

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Mr Kinnock said in an interview in West Berlin that Mrs Thatcher was stalling on her response to German reunification. The present policy of tip-toeing around the edge of this issue leaves us open to criticism for inaction. We are wasting what influence we could have in ensuring that the process is stable and beneficial to all." In a speech to the Confed-

eration of Socialist Parties in Europe, the Labour leader said his party accepted German reunification as an inevitability and a chance to establish social democracy as a leading force in European

Labour's defence review, scheduled for later this year, would have to take account of the new climate in Europe, he said, but he denied that the party would support speedy troop withdrawals or disarmament moves. "We are quite aware that people want to feel secure ... especially in the time of upheaval," he said. Mr Kinnock declared his



Mr Kinnock with Mr Wim Kok, the Dutch Finance Minister, and Herr Hans-Jochen Vogel, leader of West Germany's Socialists, in West Berlin yesterday prior to the European Socialist congress.

the West German Foreign Minister, that a unified German could belong to Nato, with the troops of Nato and the Warsaw Pact confined to Social Democrats, whom he

would be a cautious one.

Mr Kinnock had talks with Herr Ibrahim Böhme, the leader of the East German the present territories. He said had been advising on prepara- gave Herr Böhme's party 54

support for the proposal of that Labour's approach to the tion for the March elections in the country.

per cent of the vote. Mr Böhme commented that he

"The first piece of advice I gave him was about the opin-ion polls," Mr Kinnock said. The first opinion poll in East Germany on Wednesday

was heeding the warnings of

boost the morale of Social

manies as the party prepares

for the election in both. Herr Walter Momper (SPD), the ruling mayor of West Berlin, said that the early success of East Germany's Social Demo-crats heralded a new era of

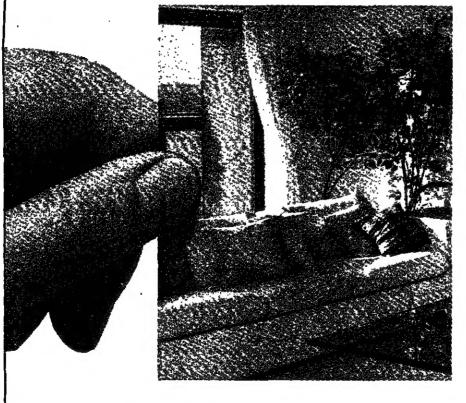
influence for the party. East Germany's newly renamed communist party suf-fered a further setback yesterday when it was alleged that the security services were still working under the auspices of

the Interior Ministry. The West German TV programme Kontraste accused Herr Lothar Ahrentt, the interior Minister, of responsibility for the continued use of security cameras on the Alexanderplatz, favourite gallery point for demonstrations in East Berlin.

A meeting of the Council of Ministers in East Berlin agreed with opposition demands to set up a government commission to hasten the disbanding of the Office of National Security. A spokesman for the commission said yesterday that six million files on East German citizens had been found in the headquarters of the former Office of National Security, meaning that the service had spied on one in every three East Ger-

man citizens All the files were held in quadruple and work is to begin today on destroying the Democrats in the two Ger- computer discs on which they

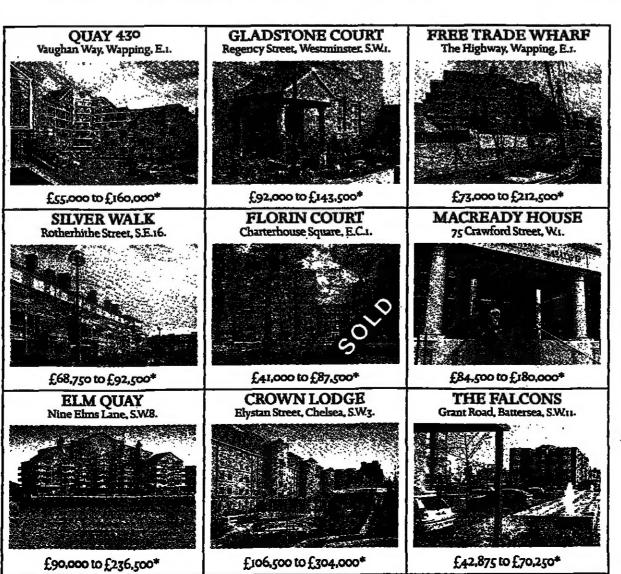
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by his companeros, is suffering from a sore throat, one of the penalties of being on the mpaign trail.

He accepts a glass of bitter ginger root and says that he is confident the Sandinistas can uphold the campaign promise "Todo sera mejor" — every-thing will be better — should

The slogan, which is plas-tered on billboards, T-shirts, babies, walls and baseball hout Nicara was initially sniggered at by members of the US-backed National Opposition Union as an admission of the difficult post-revolution years, but Se-nor Ortega sees it as a sign of

the war, we will be able to advance more rapidly econ-omically," he said.

Despite an economy racked by five years of a US embargo and eight years of war, President Ortega still has a 2-1 edge in the run-up to the elections - less than three weeks away - over Señora Violeta Chamorro, his conservative opponent. Having campaigned heavily, he believed he had managed to hold on to his decade-ione leadership decade-long leadership be-cause of his "constant and direct contact with the

In an interview last week in a relations with us," he said.

a rustic mountain chalet high in the foggy mountains of isolate us, they probably selections weren't legitimate, the Christian influence probably had the most weight in my mind," he said.

Selva Negra in the Matagalpa region, the 44-year-old Presi-elections weren't legitimate, the people for hours and that it was accessed to the people for hours and the said.

in Nicaragua next month.

By Charles Bremner

Junior officers in the American-backed Contra

army have ousted their hardline leader in an attempt to clear the decks before the elections

Reports from Hondaras, where the 10,000-strong rebel force is based, said Colonel

Enrique Bermudez, a former colonel in the

National Guard of the late Anastasio Somoza,

had been forced to step down by a group of subordinates headed by Señor Israel Galeano Cornejo, aged 29, the chief-of-staff, who uses the nom de guerre Comandante Franklin.

The move against the authoritarian com-

mander came as Republicans in Washington

signalled that the Bush Administration may fail to accept that the Nicaraguan election is as

'certifiably free and fair" as it has demanded.

of battle with Sandinista forces, are said by Contra sources to want to decide for

The Contra officers, hardened in eight years

"We have taken measures to help defend the economy and there have always been intense discussions with the

measures were taken." He pauses briefly and fingers a set of glass worry beads.
"I have never, in any way, attempted to give them a

It has not been the easiest of campaigns, despite President Ortega's new look which upted one journalist to borrow President Bush's campaign slogan and refer to him as a "kinder, gentler Ortega". Gone is the military uni-

form, worn constantly during . his visit to Britain last May, and his ominous shaded es. In their place are cowboy boots, jeans and con-tact lenses, all of which give him a more relaxed air. In-

But the revolutionary rhetoric has not lost any of its familiarity. President Ortega has waged a continuous battle Central America.

"After the 1984 elections. the United States was still unsuccessful at isolating Nicaragua from the international community, and that obliged them to continue diplomatic

dent said: "A lot of the reason and that it was necessary to hours, just listening to them for the success of this camintervene for diplomatic pur- One learns, one really learns."

Contras force out leader

ruary 25 elections

El Comandante, as President paign has been the type of poses. They tried to put condi-Ortega of Nicaragua is called communication that I have tions on us to see if they could established with the populace, actually break relations between us and other countries. But if they couldn't do it then, they can't do it now.

"These elections are setting a precedent. The UN, the OAS neople before and after any (Organization of American States) coming here - it's never happened to any other

> Señora Chamorro, currently immobilized after a knee oprelations with the US as well the military draft.

They are pledges that might have appealed to many Nicaraguans, who are tired of the weakened economy and the hardship of war.

But, despite the fact that Doña Violeta, as she is called, man (Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, editor of the daily La Prensa, who was murdered by allies of General Anastasio Somoza in 1978) she is seen by many as a figurehead who does not have the political capacity to lead a country.

President Ortega, born in La Libertad, a small town in the Chontales region, was heavily influenced by both the Catholic Church and his parents, who each spent some time in jail under Somoza. "They were both Sandinistas, but they were also Catholics, and

increasingly likely event of a win by President Ortega's Sandinista Government in the Feb-

Some 3,000 Contras are still operating

inside Nicaragua, where they have been skirmishing with government forces. Wit-nesses biamed a Contra unit for an ambush

that killed two nuns, one of them an American, on January 1. The Contras' political directorate, based in Miami, has

Under the Central American peace plan, the

Contras, created by the Reagan Administra-

tion to wage war on the Sandinistas, were to be

As a result of the international scrutiny, the

Nicaraguan campaign has been more closely

monitored than any election in history. The

United Nations and the Organization of

American States are among those who have flooded the country with observer groups to

sintegrated in recent months.

disbanded in return for fair elections.

Ortega heading for Strong arm of law quells cricket protest



Safety fears grow

ANC rebels a threat to Mandela

The South African Government has confirmed that rightwing extremists have threatened to kill Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress (ANC) leader, who is expected to be released this month. Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Min-

ister of Law and Order, said that various threats have been made against Mandela over the years by radicals on the right and by dissident factions of the ANC.

But the right had made more recent threats, "mainly centred around his release, Mr Vlok said. "They have been threatening to do certain things to him. We are concerned about his safety." An authoritative source in

the ruling National Party said protect Mandela would be limited once he had rejoined He may be permitted to recruit armed bodyguards

from within his own ranks, provided they acted discreetly,

entrusted to members of the are a disciplined force ... as man in terms of the Internal the Nation), who were not wanted in South Africa for specific acts of violence.

Mr Vlok rejected charges by

the far-right Conservative Washington (Reuter) - Pre-toria may lift the 31/2-year state of emergency in weeks, Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Min-ister of Constitutional Planning, said yesterday. "I would 'say it is a question of weeks, a few weeks only," he told Nightline, the US television

ized the state of emergency was "inhibiting the achievement of normalization". Party that a large number of policemen were resigning in

news programme, in Cape Town. The Government real-

moves towards peace talks with the ANC, and said the main reason for the defections was low salaries. "Of course there are people

organization's armed wing, far as I know, they will obey Umkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of orders, they will go with us." Mr Vlok said the Government wished to lift the state of emergency as soon as possible, but it was still necessary

> clashes between rival political organizations in black townships in Natal. The climate is still so high that one small spark can ignite the whole thing, and we can have an explosion," he added.

because of a "high revolu-

tionary climate", and violent

Explaining why the emer-gency was deemed necessary, he said it was the only way the police could make mass arrests without having to justify them in the courts. You see, the Internal Sec-

prity Act is not really suited to run large numbers of people. In terms of the state of emergency, it is easier to detain people in large numbers with less information available to the police.

"In other words, your actions are tested in court. The communism in the hearts and police have to submit to a

Security Act. Under the Internal Security Act you can detain a person, preventive detention, but it is more

in detention under emergency regulations, and 23 in terms of the Internal Security Act. Mr Vlok said, however, that

repressive measures could be only a "holding operation", and that a permanent political solution was required. "The security forces can hold the situation for a period of time, but not for an indefinite period," he said. He also felt it was an

opportune time for South Africans to discover that communism was a dying ideology. "I cannot think of a better time to allow this (communism) in South Africa, so that people can see for themselves that communism is not an ideology on which you can build a prosperous future. "If you really want to kill

the minds of people, then the

Police baton charged about 100 blacks demonstrating against the Mike Gatting cricket tour outside the British Consulate in central

Johannesburg yesterday. The police went into action in a crowded pedestrian mall where the consulate is situated as the leaders of the protest were being admitted to state their case.

The protesters claimed they had been driven away from the Wanderers cricket ground earlier, where the English match" against South Africa. Meanwhile, the Rev Jesse Jackson, the American civil rights leader who arrived in South Africa on Wednesday, was making a triumphant tour of Soweto. At his first stop, a

private educational centre, he

told teachers not to talk down

to their pupils. One of them could be a potential minister of justice, he said. "You people are teaching the architects and builders of a new South Africa." After that, Mr Jackson and his huge entourage were driven to a squatter settlement in Soweto's Diamini district where he inspected shacks built of corrugated iron and cardboard sheets. He picked up a toddler dressed in a grubby T-shirt and shorts and holding him shoulder high posed for photographs.

Earlier, the police had used teargas and batons against several thousand blacks gathering in Alexandra township on Johannesburg's northern border in preparation for a

On Wednesday, the Johannesburg chief magistrate re-fused permission for a legal

A police spokesman said about 2,000 schoolchildren had been loaded on buses which were to take them to the cricket ground. He said: "The police confronted them and told them this activity was illegal. When they disembarked from the buses they started singing and dancing'

They ignored a warning to disperse and tearges was used, "whereafter the group dis-persed peacefully," the police zookesman said.

The Alexandra township what it termed "the violent treatment used against people protesting peacefully".

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Mr Moss Mashishi, panizer of the anti-tour National Sports Congress, said that 30 people had been admitted to a clinic after the police action.

Earlier, the Freedom in Sport organization, which supports the tour, had bused in several hundred black spectators to the cricket ground,

WORLD ROUNDUP

Pollution alert on BP oil spill

Anti-poliution experts from BP were yesterday helping to clean up a large oil slick threatening the Californian coast after an American oil tanker was holed (Michael McCarthy writes). More than 1,000 tonnes of oil spilled from the American Trader when a tank ruptured as it prepared to discharge oil at a pipeline terminal two miles off the Golden West refinery at Huntingdon, south of Los Angeles.

The oil formed a slick 400 yards wide and nearly two miles long, threatening beaches and wildlife. It was being contained last night in a big clean-up operation directed by the US Coast Guard. BP in London said yesterday that American Trading and Transport, the company owning the tanker, which was on charter to BP, had accepted responsibility, but the company's own US-based antipollution experts had flown to the scene.

Turkish pit disaster

Ankara — Sixty-three miners are feared to have died in Turkey after a pit shaft collapsed in a methane gas explosion near Merzifon, 218 miles north-east of here (Rasit Gurdilek writes). Three bodies were recovered from the pit. One of those injured was said to be in critical condition. Desoite a statement by Mr Mehmet Yazar, the government spokes-man, that there was practically no hope left for those trapped as a fire raged in the shaft, the miners' families waited beside the pit. The heat and carbon monoxide prevented firefighters and rescue teams from entering the shaft, Mr Yazar said, adding that air vents were being closed to put out the fire. The disaster was the third biggest in Turkey in 30 years.

Bofors bank inquiry

Genera — The Indian CID, investigating an £824 million order for 410 howitzers placed with the Swedish Bosors company in 1986, has initiated procedures for access to records of six numbered bank accounts in Geneva and Zurich, frozen last month by the Swiss authorities at the Indian Government's request (Alan McGregor writes).
Charges of corruption have been brought in Delhi against several people, including a Swede. If the charges are accepted as punishable also under Swiss law, the banks will be required to provide the requested information.

Sweden bans strikes

Stockholm - The socialist Government here yesterday came into head-on confrontation with the trade unions by introducing Sweden's most draconian post-war deflationary package (Christopher Mosey writes). The package calls for a two-year freeze on wages, prices, rents and dividends, and bans strikes for a similar period. Mr Sture Nord, leader of a public sector union planning a stoppage by 100,000 workers next week, condemned the strike ban as "an extremely serious violation of fundamental trade union freedoms".

Falklands talks hope

Madrid (Renter) - British and Argentine officials began two days of talks here yesterday on the Falkland Islands issue, hooing to clear the last obstacles to reconciliation after the 1982 war. Both sides said they hoped that the preparatory meeting would clear the way to the resumption of full diplomatic relations. Senior diplomats are set to take over the negotiations on February 14. Full restoration of ties has been blocked by Britain's insistence on keeping a 150-mile exclusion zone around the islands.

Hanoi blocks moves to send Vietnamese home

By Jonathan Brande in Hong Kong and Andrew McEwen in London

The report, by the journalist

at least two weeks, it emerged yesterday, despite the increasing desperation of the British and Hong Kong Governments to act before the new "sailing season" besins.

Differing explanations of the delay were given in London and Hong Kong, but it appears that skilful if unsettling diplomacy by Hanoi is the most likely cause. The two Governments' anxiety to avert another huge influx of boat people has placed Hanoi in a strong position to make them pay even more of the resettlement costs than was agreed last year.

Mr Francis Maude, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, is expected to agree that new reception facilities will be built with British aid, when he visits Hanoi from February 18 to 21.

However, a radio station in Hong Kong reported that Vietnam would refuse to take back any more boat people yet because of the inept handling of the first mandatory repatri-



who revealed the timing of the previous flight, said Vietnam would continue to block any new deportation at least until expanded reception facilities had been built. Quoting Foreign Ministry sources in Hanoi, the radio

said the Vietnamese authorities felt "deceived" by the publicity surrounding the first deportation and the show of strength by the Hong Kong authorities. Sources in London confirm that Hanoi has



from the first that the British authorities had no power to control the press. The Hong Kong Government tried to keep the date of the flight secret and carried it out during darkness in the hope of avoiding journalists and photo-

Despite these precautions TV audiences saw about 150 prison staff in riot gear move in to take pine men. 16 screaming women and 26 children to the airport.

The sources confirmed that Hanoi has been refusing to approve passenger lists for mandatory flights. Passport doubts: The offer of British passports for 50,000

Hong Kong families has not made people more confident of the future, according to an opinion poll published in the colony. The survey, conducted for the South China Morning Post, suggested that nine in 10 of the executives, professionals and entrepreneurs the passport package is aimed at influencing doubt it

Cambodians flee as troops rampage through port

From Neil Kelly, Bangkok

Scores of mutinous armed Cambodian government troops rampaged through Koh Kong, a seaport in south-west Cambodia, for two days this week, terrorizing the inhabitants from Tuesday night until yesterday morning, according to Thai traders trapped there.

They said the soldiers had destroyed houses and other property in what appeared to be a display of hostility towards their officers and the Many of the population of

70,000 escaped in boats or fled into nearby hills. Some people were injured but the extent of casualties is not known. The Phnom Penh Government has not reported the incident. When order was restored, the mutinous troops were put

on board a ship which took them to Kompong Som, Cambodia's main port Mr Thanit Traivut, a Thai MP who has built up extensive trade with Cambodia and Vietnam through Koh Kong, was trapped in the town for

two days. He said soldiers had

run wild because they felt cheated. They were told

months ago that they would the Khmer Rouge and anti-soon be sent home, but those government forces. promises had not been kept. He said that before the mutiny, soldiers had been drinking in the town, where

imported liquor sells cheaply. After 15 years of isolation, Cambodia last year opened its doors to Western trade and free enterprise at Koh Kong, which has since become a thriving free trade centre. Profitable wheeling and dealing is in evidence, while

Every type of consumer

product goes through the port

to the interior of Cambodia and to Vietnam. The outgoing exports are mainly primary products from Cambodia, particularly gems and teak. Foreign military attaches in Thailand said the rebellion appeared to be the most damaging incident of its kind

involving the Cambodian Army since doubts about its loyalty and morale arose after the Vietnamese withdrawal last year. The mutiny has lent credibility to reports of large-scale desertions which are prevent-

ing a counter-offensive against

officers and government of-ficials has badly damaged army morale. Mr Hun Sen, the Prime Minister, recently appealed for more army recruits. De-

Corruption among military

government forces.

spite a nuthless conscription programme in which young men are rounded up at random, officials admit that the Army is not getting the manpower it needs to stop the advance of the Khmer Rouge. • PHNOM PENH: Mr Hun Sen said here yesterday that a settlement of the 11-year conflict in his country was near since all sides had agreed on a United Nations role in achieving it (AFP reports).

However he rejected a

Khmer Rouge condition that the five permanent UN Security Council members be included in informal talks on Cambodia set for February 26-28 in Jakarta, the Indonesian

Mr Hun Sen said that a UN peacekeeping force was un-necessary in the present situation, which was ripe for a

Black Hebrews hope to come in from wilderness

From Richard Owen, Dimona

Mr Ben Ami Carter believes he is a Jew, and has been fighting a 20-year battle to prove it. Sceptics, including many Israelis, say that Mr Carter, bearded, with piercing eyes beneath a white woolly hat, is in fact a black American, a former bus driver and steel mill worker from Chicago who was once plain "Ben Carter".

Critics also say the community of "Black Hebrews" which he heads in the Negev desert is full of fellow blacks from the Chicago slums who have escaped the attentions of the police to come to Dimona, otherwise best known for its Dead Sea potash works and Israel's top secret nuclear research centre. Mr Carter denies allegations of

crime, however. He says his community is "peaceful, law-abid-

ing and devoted to a righteous way

of life based on the Bible". He says

that in 1960 he heard a voice from

Heaven informing him that he had been chosen to take his people "out of bondage and into the Promised Land". The Black Hebrews, he maintains, have a right to live in Israel under the Law of Return. But Israel has deported many of the Black Hebrews as illegal immigrants. Now, after years of wrangling, Mr Carter and his followers

seem about to reach a compromise

with the authorities.

Israel's rabbis refuse to accept the Black Hebrews' claim to be Jewish; none of them have Jewish mothers, for example. The cult members rely on a few Bible passages referring to Ethiopians, which the rabbis have ruled to be insufficient evidence. But after protracted negotiations an official commission has been set up by Mr Arie Deri, the Interior Minister, to resolve the problem, The commission is still drawing up its report, but the indications are

offered some kind of legal status, perhaps with the right to form an organic farming community. Last summer Mr Deri broke new ground by meeting Mr Carter, who promised that the Black Hebrews

Jerusalem - Israel has developed a new anti-riot weapon to "meet stones with stones — a Jeep-mounted cannon capable of firing egg-sized stones at a rate of 600 a minute (Richard Owen writes). Israel Radio said yesterday that the device had already been used experimentally in Ramaliah on the West Bank.

would in future refrain from propagating "anti-Zionist views". Giving the Black Hebrews a legal basis would certainly improve their living conditions as well as easing tensions with fellow residents in Dimona, who include not only a that the Black Hebrews will be community of Ethiopian Jews but also many of the immigrants from the Soviet Union now arriving in Israel in large numbers About 1,000 Black Hebrews live a

meagre life in an abandoned immigrant absorption centre on the edge of town. They obey every command of Mr Carter, and refuse help from local health and education services. The homes are clean but hopelessly overcrowded.

The cult has its origins in Harlem, where at the turn of the century a few black Americans embraced Judaism because they regarded Christianity as a "white man's church". Judaism offered a biblical history of exodus from slavery to freedom. They believe they are descendants of Israel's lost tribes. Black Hebrews from Chicago first came to Israel in 1969, settling near the Dead Sca.

Customs such as polygamy mark them out from black Jews from Ethiopia (whose claim to Judaism is

not in doubt). Black Hebrews can have up to seven wives, and Mr Carter reputedly has three.

Tensions rose in the 1970s when the Black Hebrews refused a pro-posed Israeli compromise under which they would have agreed to be converted to Judaism. This was unnecessary, they argued, since they were Jews already. The US Embassy became involved when Israeli immigration authorities began to turn back bona fide American black citizens on suspicion they might belong to the Black Hebrew cult.

The Dimona Black Hebrews say the meeting with Mr Deri was in itself a sign that their status as illegal immigrants could soon end. They simply want Israel to be "a spiritual centre for all humanity, a light to the nations", Mr Carter says. But, just in case, he and most of his followers have formally renounced US citizenship to avoid deportation back to America.

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Peers defeat attempt to stop embryo research

Peers overwhelmingly rejected an attempt to stop research on human embryos when they voted by 234 to 80 against an consciention amendment tabled by the that oath. Duke of Norfolk to the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill

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It was a free vote, the Govern-ment having promised that MPs and peers would decide the issue according to conscience. The Lord Chancellor emphasized the Government's neutrality when he wound up the debate.

The Dake of Norfolk (C) moved the amendment and said that he fully supported infertility treatment to enable married couples to have children.

In vitro fertilization was a wonderful discovery, enabling so many childless couples to have children, but alsa there was only about a 10 per cent success rate overall at present. rate overall at present

There had been a statement that there were more than 4,000 genetic diseases that might benefit if the Human Fertilizaset up under the Bill, were to licence further embryo research, but no genetic disease had so far been identified, let alone cured, by embryo experimentation by embryo experimentation. There was no question of

using embryos to cure or treat genetic diseases. "There is nothing you can learn from the human embryo that cannot be learnt from an animal embryo in the study of genetic diseases. Recently, immense strides have been made in the search for a cure of genetic defect and these are all dependent on research on born people who have those diseases."

He suffered from a partly hereditary disease, glaucoma in the right eye. "Strides are being made by research on those of us who have it."

It was nonsense to suggest that it would have been possible to cure that disease by experimenting with the eyes of a

Minister

rejects

both sides of the Commons to

give 100 per cent compensation to farmers with animals suffer-

ing from bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE). He said that all aspects of compensation

policy were kept under review.

BSE-infected animals were get-ting into the food chain.

Mr Ronald Davies, Oppo-sition spokesman on food and

agriculture, asked why Mr Maclean so obstinately rejected

demands for 100 per cent

It seemed impossible to find a

farmer, a veterinary surgeon or a local authority inspector who would deny that animals in-

fected with BSE were entering

Compensation at 100 per cent would at least make a start in

dealing with the problem of clinically infected animals.

If Mr Maclean was prepared to accept the recommendation of the Tyrrell committee and

introduce random sampling of

bovine strains, the public would have an indication of the extent of the epidemic. Or did Mr

Maclean just not want the public to know?

Davies's last remark as outrageous. The argument for farmers getting more compensation for financial loss was separate

for imancial loss was separate from protecting the human food chain, "and it is not right to suggest that BSE animals are getting into the food chain because we have taken pre-

The Veterinary Record, the journal of the British Veterinary Association, had stated that there was no evidence that the

compensation level was "encouraging farmers to shed off animals for slaughter and inclu-sion in the food chain".

Mr Maclean said that the human food chain was protected by a host of measures,

ventive measures".

Mr Maclean described Mr

He denied that meat from

finding a cure. He suggested that as legislators they had a conscientions duty to follow

In in vitro fertilization, two or three embryos were created and if any were created but not put be regarded by them as unim the womb, they should be reasonable and unjustified, and allowed to die, and not treated as an animal or some other being and experimented on. Keeping spares for experimentation was ethically wrong.

Lord Rawlinson of Ewell (C) supported the amendment and said that people would not

HOUSE OF LORDS

The amendment moved by the Duke of Norfolk was to leave out the first of two options provided by the Government to fulfil a promise made in the 1987 White Paper. The first would provide for regulation of treatment, storage and research on human embryos; the second would permit only treatment and storage of embryos. Both Houses have been promised a free vote.

tolerate a permissive right to kill or experiment with the life of a person and infant life was, to all,

To those who said that life commenced "after 14 days" he said: "Fourteen days after what?" What made 14 days acceptable? Was the logic not to start at the beginning? He could not accept that man had a right to dispose of what was living and to take it and place it on a shelf and finally to destroy it.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said that he was delighted that the Duke had said

how welcome were the advances oot in a one-cell embryo in July 1915.

He was opposed to destructive experiments on human embryos. The Hippocratic oath provided that doctors should do

There were cries of "non-sense" when Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, told them:

"There have been, and there are

now in progress, a series of inquiries into this matter affecting virtually every aspect of it."

The subject was first raised by Sir David Steel (Tweeddale, Ettrick and Lauderdale, Lib Dem), who called for a wider inquiry into the misuse of information by Crown servants.

Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Defence, had said the inquiry by the defence select committee would be limited in

scope, and Mr Wallace had

Nobody claimed that all such defects could be avoided by such Dascientious duty to follow research, but that there were some cases where a defect might be identified before an embryo

"The embryo is the start of life and must be given the same status in life as a child or grown-up person or a member of this House. I see no distinction between that and the life of an embryo."

De Russian was implanted.

Peers owed it to the scientists to take seriously what they were trying to do, to respect their integrity and to provide them with a clear framework in which to work. "We do no good if our

Lord Walton of Detchant said that he and most scientists accepted the 14-day limit beyond which research on the human conceptus would be illegal. The inestimable benefits doubtedly spring from research being performed or contem-plated on the conceptus within that limit could not and must

not be forstrated

He accepted that important discoveries in molecular genetics had been made possible without embryo research, but opponents of research seemed unwilling or unable to appreciate that it was the next crucial step, bringing untold hope to the relatives of such patients, that could not possibly be achieved if such research was banned.

Those who talked about spare embryos being killed were indulging in "unjustifiable hyperbole".

It was clear that the remarkable developments in preventing Duchenne muscular dystrophy which could be made possible by embryo research could not be taken further by any form of animal experimentation.

Only work on the human conceptus could properly yield the results on which so many

"As a committed Christian myself, I believe the perfor-mance of such research within the 14-day limit and under the strictest control of a statutory go beyond 14 days.

Wallace affair

South, C., also caning for the fullest possible inquiry, asked if the Government would fully cooperate with the defence select

Would that co-operation include the granting of immunity from prosecution for those

Crown servants and former Crown servants who might be called before it to give evidence?

Sir Geoffrey said that any request made by the committee would be considered in the

ordinary way.

Mr Richard Shepherd (Aldridge-Brownhills, C) said that many Conservative MPs did not a deliberate abuse.

BSE plea Tories press for inquiry

AGRICULTURE

The Government came under renewed pressure from Conservative MPs during business questions to hold deeper and more wide-ranging inquiries into the "dirty tricks" allegations. Fisheries and Food, resisted renewed pressure from

The Government came under renewed pressure from Conservative business that already indicated its intention to make one of its own. "We shall have to wait to see the extent of that inquiry."

Mr Robert Rhodes James (Cambridge, C) said that there was a widely shared concern on the Conservataive benches. A resisted renewed pressure from

shrines, is not only entirely compatible with the Christian ethic but will have untold benefits for human health.

"While I understand the sinopponents of research who believe that the embryo starts at conception, I find it difficult personally to see how anyone deeply concerned about the welfare of suffering humanity could fail to recognize the potential benefits of such research."

Lord Harvington (C) said that the House should be on its guard. Things were going on outside that peers should be-

One group had been distribut-ing a leaflet outside, containing a statement from a mother who said that she had a mentally handicapped child who also had a club foot, partial vision, epilepsy and other handicaps. The mother was quoted as saying "I love her, but I would give anything for her to have enjoyed a full life rather than the

These were worthy senti-ments, but this document illus-trated clearly the lamentable way in which parents of handi-capped children had been mis-

Peers must ask themselves how the mother could gain such a false impression about embryo biopsy. "We must be wary of this kind of campaign, based as it is on such misinformation, misreograentation and manimisrepresentation and man pulation."

It had been said that embryo biopsy would allow genetic dis-ease to be wiped out, but it had not yet succeeded on human beings and might never do so.

Lord Ennals, Opposition spokesman on health, said that as a layman he found it hard to understand how warm-hearted, charitable, Christian people could say that this research was immoral, distasteful and wrong.

said that they were on a slippery slope and there was a danger that one day legislation would

privy counsellors to look at it

C) said that last year the House had introduced a complaints procedure and a commissioner

The tribunal had declined to

consider any complaint against the security services relating to events before December 18 last

year. That was making a mock-ery of the Act passed last year.

Some MPs thought that it was

Uprating child benefit 'no help to poorest'

During bitter exchanges with Mr Roy Hattersley over child Was the Prime Minister aware of the facts: if she was, did she insisted that a universal uprating would not help the poorest families, who would merely lose other benefits.

Who needed and deserved it. Was the prime Minister aware of the facts: if she was, did she care?

Mrs Thatcher said that in the past two years extra help had been deliberately concentrated needy families through income-

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Mr Hattersley, deputy leader of the Labour Party, standing in for Mr Neil Kinnock who is in Germany, said that the promise in the manifesto had been broken over the past five years. Many low-income families were persalized by means-tested benefit.

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past two years extra help had been deliberately concentrated on poorer families.

A routine house call

for one of our doctors

Government was making available an extra £70 million to needy families through incomerciated benefit. That was especially helping the powest families. They were spending more than £50 billion a year—that was more than £1 billion a week. "We win all ends up."

Mr Tom Clarke (Monkissels West, Lab) said that the replies would be a great disappointment to seven million families and

Would the Prime Minister uprate child benefit in April, taking these last years into account, or did she intend to save up more and more money for an sumer Protection) Bill

Gummer denies 'horse' attack

Mr John Gunner, Min-ister of Agriculture, strongly denied at question time that he had accepted that the

Dr David Clark, Opposition spokesman on agri-culture accused him of throwing in the towel to the EC on this "unpalatable"

Mir Gummer: I did not do anything of the sort. I would not have dreamt of present arrangements to the export of live borses

Food fears 'groundless'

Consumer fears over less because the Govern ment was determined to enforce a workable labelling regime, Mr David Maclean, Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Agri-

Parliament next week

The main business in the Commons next week will be londay: Debate on prigal services. Property Services Agency and Crown Suppliers Bill, remaining

Opposition motion on rail fares and services.
Thursday: Education (Student Loans) Bill, remaining

suges. Friday: Private member's Bill: Sexual Offences Bill, secand reading.

The main business in the Lords will be: Monday: Food Safety Bill,

Monay: Pool Safety Mill, report.
Taesday: Human
Fertilization and Embryology
Bill, committee, third day.
Wednesday: Debate on
North Sea pollution
Thursday: Pensions (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill
and Gaming (Amendand Gaming (Amend-ment) Bill, second readings

Parliament today Commons (9.30): Private members' Bills: Computer Misuse Bill and Abolition of Warrant Sales (Scotland) Bill, second readings. Lords (11): Coal Industry

Bill and Motor Trade (Con-

understand the Government's reluctance to have a wider inquiry. "Many of us would like to see King sought to prevent any questioned the accuracy of state-ments made by ministers of defence to the House only last week. Would he realize the urgency of this matter? this fundamental allegation, that strikes at our liberal democ-Crown servant giving evidence to the select committee. Sir Geeffrey replied that two Egg ban would be illegal

ary Secretary for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, said at

question time.

The illegal use of European Community rules to ban the import of eggs would be totally unjustified.

Mr Maclean told the House

that eight consignments of imported eggs had been found to be contaminated with invasive salmonella since April last year. salmonella since April last year. The member states concerned had been asked to take remedial action. In addition, Mr John Gummer, the Minister of Agriculture, had pressed for the speedy introduction of Community-wide measures against salmonella similar to those educated here.

The ban on British beef being operated by the West Germans was illegal under the Treaty of Rome and that was why Britain could not use a similar tactic to ban eggs from the Continent, Mr David Macleas, Parliament—tions to the one Germany has ambied to our beef?" minans. Would be not consider introducing similar regula-tions to the one Germany has applied to our beef?"

Mr Maclean said that we would have no justification under Community law for slap-ping a ban on imported eggs in this country.

ping a van on imposite eggs in this country, just as those coun-tries had not slapped a ban on our eggs when the salmonella crisis had been at its height. Mr Richard Alexander (Newark, C) said that if the slightest trace of salmonella was found in

ark, C) sand to trace of salmonella was not trace of salmonella was not this country, the farmer had to destroy his entire flock. Yet by the time "minimal" testing of imported eggs at the point of entry was completed the eggs had been distributed.

Mr Maclean said that that Mr Maclean said that that maked the necessity of a lreland, Wales or any country. That was a marketing initiative our producers could take.

sition spokesman on agri-culture, said that the Germans had used article 36 of the Treaty had used article 36 of the Treaty of Rome to stop British beef going into Germany. Why could we not use the same article to halt the import of suspect eggs? Mr Maclean said that what Mr Morley had not mentioned was that the German action had been illegal.

Mr Michael Levil (Suffolk Central Cost of the for too long.)

Central, C) said that for too long we had been playing the game We had got to learn to bend the rules in the way that foreigners were doing. Farmers were en-titled to feel angry.

Mr Maclean said that we

abour prepares for 1991 poll

By Nigel Williamson Political Staff

The Labour Party is genring itself up for the possibility of an election next year in the belief that the Prime Minister may decide to "cut and run" when economic indicators begin to improve in the early part of 1991.

Government sources privately concede Labour's view that the economic outlook will continue to look bleak throughout this year but predict an upturn in the spring of 1991. If that improvement in the economic outloook is reflected in an improved opinion-poll rating

for the Government, the pressare to go for an early election will be strong, the Opposition



But they predict that this will be only a temporary "window" before economic indicators once again begin to turn against the

Labour believes that the Gov-erament could be tempted to take advantage of what it thinks will be a very brief "window of opportunity" and call a snap opportunity" and call a snap election, possibly in June next

Party sources concede, how-ever, that, although Mrs That-cher has gone early on the last two occasions, it will take a sharp change in the Govern-ment's rating in the opinion polls for her to take the risk this time.

provements by late spring or early summer of next year and big cuts in interest rates will follow.

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Labour officials recall recently that Lord Callaghan of Cardiff (then Prime Minister) did not opt for an early general election in the autumn of 1978, when most commentators believed that the Labour Government could have wan another term.

One shadow cabinet member said this week: "We are cer-tainly not raing out the Government's going to the country before its full term is up. "The economic situation is polls for her to take the risk this time.

Unless the Government can begin to pull back the double-paiga will be more than ready".

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Scouting around for girls

The walls of a male citadel once thought invulnerable are crumbling the Scout Association has decided in principle to admit girls of all ages. But will the move cause more harm than

good? William Greaves reports

boys from all over Britain descended on Crystal Palace first national scout rally, they had already learnt to "be prepared" for every eventuality except the one which happened - an invasion of

It was not, in truth, a major infiltration. But it did consist of eight defiant young females and their message was emphatic. They had learnt the scout rules, they could wear the scout uniform, they intended to be scouts. It is reported that several of the boys whistled and that Robert Baden-Powell, considerably flustered, turned to his sister, Agnes, and said: "Do something about them, will you?" She did — and two months later the Girl Guides Association was officially formed. As far as British youngsters

under the age of 15 are concerned into the scout movement as Venture Scouts 14 years ago - that unbreachable barrier between the sexes was destined to remain intact through two world wars and eight decades of fast-changing social mores.

That wall did not exactly come tumbling down yesterday, but the Scout Association's announcement that the movement had decided in principle to admit girls at all ages at least revealed that a few bricks were beginning to

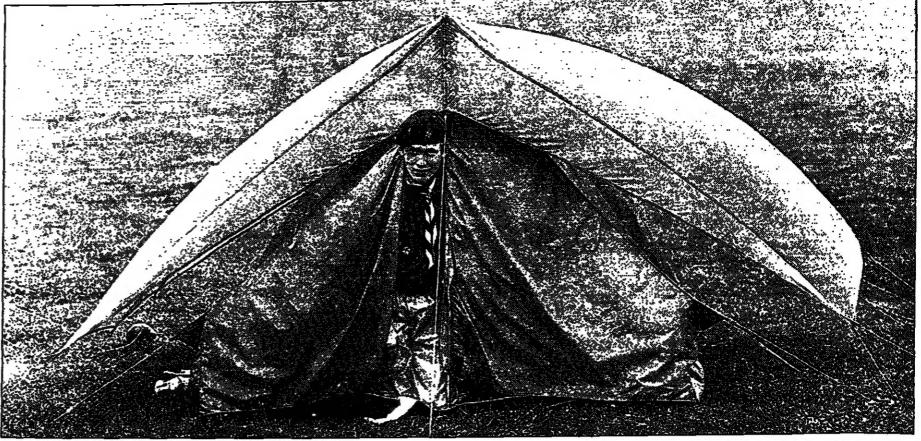
And one person still very much around to weigh the implications was 92-year-old Mrs Sybil Caradine, now an honorary asso-ciate of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts, and once one of that tiny army of rebels at Crystal Palace.

by the prospect of a new wave of female pioneers breaking into one of the last all-male strongholds and doing so, this time, by invitation? "We have always got to move with the times," she said yesterday. "But if this does happen, then the guides must respond by opening their ranks to the

Cynics would say, however, that there are other question marks to be directed towards the descen-dents of the Baden-Powell revolution. Has, for instance, the whole concept of scouting and guiding been left behind in an age of computer technology? (A scout may still be trusted, courageous and have respect for himself and others, but he is no longer, according to the current Law, under obligation to be thrifty, clean in thought, word and deed or to smile and whistle under all

Baden-Powell's biographer, Tim Jeal, acknowledges this crisis of image. "It is ironic," he says, that a movement which began with an almost primitive vitality has become regarded in some circles as an example of middleclass fuddidom."

Contrary to popular belief, Jeal feels that BP himself would certainly not be turning in his grave at the prospect of a sexually united force. "Although he personally had difficulty communicating with women and preferred the company of boys and men, it had always been his intention that the scouts would be for boys and girls. It was only an Edwardian outcry against the coarsening affect that such a thing would have on gentle young ladies, and the number of editorials in important newspapers accusing him of trying to undermine the whole moral fibre











Bring on the girls? A modern scout (top), Lee Commerer, in camp at Waterlooville, Hampshire, and Baden-Powell with some of his first recruits. Above, up-to-date badges awarded by today's organization

of the nation, which forced him to

Numerically, at least, there is no evidence that scouting is on the decline. The scout movement has more than 600,000 young members between the ages of six and 20. And at the cub scout level (eight to 11), it attracts 25 per cent of the entire eligible population. Nor can it be accused of failing to keep up with the times, with badges available for such specialist attainments as computer science,

aeronautics and astronomy. it is arguable, however, that the invitation to the other sex to "come and join us" should have come from the guides who, at 733,000 members, are the stronger of the two organizations and who attract an astonishing 41 per cent of all eight-year-old girls in the country, according to the chief commissioner, Dr June Paterson-

So why, if both organizations are able to prove their continuing relevance to society, should the Scout Association suddenly decide to alter the sexual status quo?

Derek Twine, the association's executive commissioner with special responsibility for training, and the member of the team which has been discussing the admission of girls for two years, insists that there is no wish to "poach" from the guides.

But was the real motive behind yesterday's dramatic volte-face, greeted with "surprise" and some ill-disguised annoyance by the Girl Guides Association, more of a public relations gambit to soften a reputation for chauvinistic atti-tudes? No, Twine says. "We are much more concerned with what's good for society and the country than we are with our own

segregrated because Congressional charters require that each branch devotes itself to one sex, although one 360,000-strong division of the Boy Scouts of America — which has a total membership of 4.3 million — is coeducational. The Girl Scouts of the USA, founded in 1912, is the

largest voluntary organization for girls in the world, with 2.5 million members between the ages of five and 17. Although still best known for baking billions of biscuits each year, girl scouts heading off to their evening meetings these days are just as likely to find themselves studying martial arts or discussing child

The increasing influence of women in society has also forced changes in the Boy Scouts of America, the male half of the movement. Sued by a parent last year, the organization quietly dropped its ban on women scout masters. Previously, women were able only to become "den mothers" for the younger Cub Scouts. But a divorced mother from Goleta, California, objected to the fact that the ban on female scout masters meant that her son could not go

he American scout movement remains *camping, because his troop had no fathers or other adult males willing to take them.

The Boy Scouts now has about 500 women scott masters. In a gesture of equality, men were admitted as "den leaders". The Girl Scouts has always welcomed men as volunteers, and a growing number of troops are headed by male-female teams.

The Boy Scouts also allowed girls to join its career.

oriented, high-adventure Explorer division, which caters to specialist interests. The division now includes boys and girls aged 14 to 20.

The boys' movement recently updated its hand-

book, first published in 1910. The new version, which went on sale last month, adds 23 pages of advice on drugs, child abuse and "environmentally gentle" camping to old favourites such as how to tell the difference between poison ivy and daffodils.

The revision has led some to speculate that the Boy Scouts of America may one day join its female counterpart. But that would require Congressional changes in both organizations' charters.

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IN EASTERN EUROPE, NEW LIFE AFTER 40 YEARS UNDERGROUND

n Eastern Europe and parts of the Soviet Union, scouting - traditionally open to both boys and girls - has sprung back to life after more than 40 years underground. Baden-Powell's movement had barely became established in the Soviet Union when, in the 1920s, it was declared illegal. In central Europe scouting was banned, first by the Nazis and then, after the Second World War, by the communists. Last year, however, with the obstacle of illegality removed, Hungary led the way in re-applying for recognition by the World Scouting Organization, closely followed by Poland and

Daniel Kumerman, a former Charter 77 dissident who is spearheading the revival of scouting in Czechoslovakia, believes scouts in the East will have to adapt if the movement is to maintain its appeal in a world being rapidly westernized. "We're very good at tying knots and sending messages in Morse, but our thinking hasn't evolved."

East European scouting, having been preserved underground by devotees through two generations,

of popularity. It does not have amilitary image to shrug off and has always been closely tied to national sentiment. The first president of the Czechoslavak republic, Tomas Masaryk, was the Czech scouts' official patron until the war, and the movement acquired national martyrs when some of its leaders were purged in the Stalinist years of the early Fifties.

In its underground days, certain troops were able to continue operating by concealing their activities behind the front of the state-controlled Pioneer organization. The Pioneer pledge "to create Socialist Man" and thus, by implication, to encourage atheism, was a cloak behind which traditional scouts' duties to God, country and individual conscience continued to be sworn, according to Kumerman.

As yet no steps have been taken towards establishing a nationwide movement in the Soviet Union which could be recognized by the WSO, although the state-controlled youth organization, Komsomol, no longer has a monopoly.

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Going against the grain teach about good husbandry

The speech by the Prince of Wales at storm-battered Kew this week about saving the tropical rain forests has unleashed another storm, which shows signs of blowing much longer than the tempests which have been snapping the boughs of Kew's venerable

His Rainforest Lecture on Tuesday claimed that international organizations charged were failing in their task, and came close to calling for a consumer boycott of tropical hardwood products. It has brought applause from green quarters, and aroused cries of protest from the timber

"I feel very aggressive about the Prince's incitement to the British public to stop buying timber," says Geoffrey Pleydell, speaking for the Timber Trade Federation of Great Britain. "With respect, he has misunderstood the extent of Britain's influence. A boycott by British buyers would make no difference to the world-wide market, and might jeopardize the influence we are able to exercise at present to promote good

conservation practices."

But Nicholas Hildyard, joint editor of Ecologist Maguzine, says that calling for a boycott is "eminently sensible". He says that it is perfectly feasible to exploit forests on a sustainable basis, while at the same time ensuring they are not destroyed.

"But it is naive to talk about controlled, sustainable logging in countries run by corrupt regimes whose main interest is short-term profit. Until this situation changes, there needs to be a complete stop to logging in the primary forest, through international political and conservation pressure."

There is even dispute over whether the Prince was calling for a boycott at all. He accepted that it was possible to manage forests on a sustain-able basis, for the benefit of their inhabitants and the world in general, and called for an international convention to define ground-rules for

"But we cannot simply go on talking," he added. How could consumers recognize products which had come The Prince of Wales launches a new

controversy with his attack on organizations failing the rain forests



The forest in danger: but has the Prince the right answers?

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mously," Pleydell says. "If the

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til a labelling scheme was in gether quickly, it points to a place to identify them, he source of continuing conasked.

The Government has scheme acceptable to the inbacked such a scheme, and a study into ways of setting it up is due to report in September. Implementation is likely to be kinds of changes are needed if slow and complex, however. "Failing such a scheme, a

cautious consumer is almost certainly going to be more inclined to avoid tropical hardwoods altogether," the Prince said.

Whether this is seen as a hint to the consumer to leave simply will not get their cothat mahogany chest of drawers unbought, or only as a warning to the international promoters of the labelling markets that exist, and ignore scheme to get their act to-

sheds to prevent erosion, and Both sides agree that the problem of the rain forests is much more than a matter of forestry. There is the tragedy of indigenous forest peoples,

in tropical contexts - cyclic

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displaced by their destruction, and the almost irresistible political pressure of landhungry farmers in countries with rising populations. The Prince accused two international organizations designed to control the considering the question only

destruction of the forests, of in the context of timber production. He points out that one, the international Tropi-cal Timber Organization, has articles of association which make no mention of the rights and needs of indigenous forest If there is a genuine forest community with genuine cus-

tomary rights, it should be protected," Pleydell says. "Governments of developing countries need to recognize their interests. We in Britain may be able to offer aid, but we cannot tell them how to run their internal affairs."

The other organization criticized by the Prince is the UN-backed Tropical Forest Action Plan. "It is not true that the plan considers the problem only in the context of timber production," says David Cooper, information officer for the United Nations Association. "But it is true that its purpose is not so much to save the forests as to provide sustainable income for the countries concerned, as the best means of reducing pressure on the forests. We might agree with the Prince that it would be better if people were not moving in from other parts of Brazil, for instance, in search of land. But we are trying to manage a bad situation in terms of what is

In the eternal argument between radical action and pragmatism, both the Prince and his critics claim to offer the right balance between idealism and practicality. The question is how much will be left of the rain forests by the which of them is right.

George Hill

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t was the closing minutes of last week's Any Questions. A lady in the front row had the final question and, as I remember, it was to do with the "fairness" of banning an entire team of weightlifters from competition simply because two Welshmen had been caught out using anabolic steroids. On my right, I could hear the articulate voice of David Mellor deploring steroids and asserting that his department would be "listing" them. Ministers, I thought, are never more at peace than when announcing a new prohibition. Then I heard the crisp voice of my favourite presenter: "Barbara," said Jonathan Dimbleby, "what

do you think?" If I were in court, I would plead to being seized by an irresistible impulse. I was provoked, I would argue, by the cloying sentiments about me. "I don't see why," I began earnestly, "we should stop athletes from taking these steroids at all." When I woke up I was in Mr Mellor's car driving back to London. He was on the telephone to his wife. "She thought you were

ministerial manner, "until that last question. John Goodbody, The Times's

sports news correspondent, has written extensively and knowledgeably about anabolic steroids. The Times itself is in favour of making possession of them a criminal offence. As I understand it, there is a disagreement between the Civil Servants at the Home Office, who do not feel that anabolic steroids are a social problem requiring criminalization, and the Department of the Environment, where Sports Minister Colin Moynihan and his worker-bees feel possession must

be made a criminal offence. At the moment, anabolic steroids are a controlled drug, like any other substance that is not available to the public except by a doctor's prescription. One fully approves of this. Steroids are available in some European countries over the counter, but this seems to me to lack common sense. Most users cannot make an informed judgement about the taking of numerous substances, has been absolutely no scientific

medical advice, and it is needlessly harmful to make such medication available to illiterate users.

Steroids may be useful in treat-ing some ailments, but they can be dangerous if wrongly administered. The biggest danger is to young people who, in an attempt to grow muscles like their favourite sports hero's, may take them before they have finished growing. This can do all sorts of harm including premature closing of the long bones. The minute you make a drug unavailable except by prescription, you have solved most of the problems. All you have to worry about are the illegitimate pushers.

Making possession of a drug a criminal offence is quite another matter. I am unclear about why we should do this, apart from fashions in public hysteria. There has been talk of steroids causing psychotic behaviour and being responsible for acts of random violence. Indeed, the use of steroids is now surfacing as a defence in criminal assault cases. But there



BARBARA AMIEL

study of the relationship between steroids and psychotic behaviour, It is not good civics, one feels, to base public policy on an experimental hypothesis or on a few American television shows keen on hyping steroids as a new psychotropic substance.

Not being a medical person myself, I am in no position to

sportsmen or simply give them a feeling of confidence, or whether use of them under medical supervision is harmful or not. Expert opinion on this is divided. I indenstand the Home Office advisory council on the matter cannot agree on this either. But once we have agreed that steroids should remain a prescription-only drug, we can turn to the separate questions of whether it should be ised by athletes under medical supervision, and what the pen-alties should be if they break the rules and use it in events where it

zainst using steroids is that (a) it is dangerous to the athletes, whose quest for the fastest time or highest jump will always lead them to overdose, irrespective of the harm; and (b) competitive games are there to challenge the natural abilities of our athletes, not to see how fast a drugged person can run. Neither of these arguments, it seems to me, holds up. There is nothing safe about the

As I understand it, the argument

in torn muscles, dislocated bones, tendon and joint disabilities, and early death for some. Our weightlifters, for example, are not ordinary men, they are gladiators; our young swimmers do not grow up like normal children, they are bred for the purpose. Have you seen a marathon runner at the end of a race? Just as a Formula One racing car doesn't use ordinary petrol, I'm not sure why our top competitors shouldn't use whatever special substances they need to do their best. It seems to me utterly hypocritical to denounce steroids as unhealthy, when the whole punishing regime is clearly

dangerous in itself. If an athlete wishes to take an additional risk and knows the risk, I cannot see why be shouldn't be allowed to do so. It is a totally different matter that if they break the rules in a sporting event they ought to pay the penalty. But if we wish to use the criminal law - in addition to the penalties imposed a fetishist's fantasy.

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discuss the further question of whether steroids actually help sportsmen or simply give them a feeling of confidence, or whether use of them under medical superan athlete is a wrong use of the law.

Since a great deal of money is involved in the endorsement of commercial products by winning athletes, I think there is a more logical remedy. If you take steroids, you put your competitors at a financial disadvantage because, by winning, you not only take away the glory, you also take away the money. In that case, I would find nothing wrong with charging the steroid-user with fraud for putting another athlete who was honest at financial risk.

In the meantime, I think it might be more realistic to have two sorts of competitions: we could have the steroid Olympics, and we could have those without. That might finally tell us whether all that muscle mass that accumulates on our steroid-popping weightlifters really does much more than make them look like some monstrous nightmare out of

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Martin Fletcher investigates

ouston is a rough, tough city. Its police headquarters reflects that An ugly, squat concrete building, it is divided by a tangle of freeways and flyovers from the clutch of soaring, mirrored skyscrapers that rise dramatically from a Texan plain to form the city's

The police chief's office is at the rear of the third floor, plush, but windowless, reached through a bare grey corridor. A Stars and Stripes and the Lone Star flag of Texas provide a suitably grand

bent set in a large swivel chair at a huge expanse of desk. She was wearing a bright red jacket and skirt and was surrounded. by flowers from well-wishers.
"I was stunned," said Mrs
Elizabeth Watson of her appointment. So was the rest of the nation.

A month after women soldiers in Panama fought in battle for the first time, another bastion of male unexpectedly, fallen. For the first time a woman had been chosen to lead the police force of a large American city, the

fourth biggest in the country. When news of Watson's appointment broke, the city's patrol car radios crackled with excitement. "Betsy, if you're out there - congratulations!" one excited officer whooped into his transmitter. "Thank God. A real police officer,

The delight was felt

throughout America. "This is like the first woman in Congress or the first woman in the state legislature," said Dr Susan Martin, an expert on women and policing. "Police work is typically one of the most male-dominated professions. For a woman to achieve the position of chief in one of the largest departments



The toughest cop in the Lone Star state

But probably no one felt more pleasure than a certain traffic cop, Sergeant Robert Watson. His colleagues call him Mr Chief," said his wife and boss. Her husband insisted she took the job, which is worth £51,000 a year. "He's very much secure in who he is and what he does and the teasing doesn't bother him. He's well liked and has been very supportive of me

Watson is aged 40 - one of America's youngest police chiefs — and has children aged nine and four. She is tall, trim and fresh-faced with short black hair, and self-deprecating humour. She has not yet acquired her police chief's uniform, she explains. No one had thought to design one for women, so she did it herself.

They affectionately call her "By-the-book Betsy" in Houston because of her attention to detail. In a profession dominated by men - fewer than 10 per cent of the force are female she has risen fast. Born to a family of Philadelphia policemen, she joined the Houston force as a graduate in 1972 and discovered that women were barred from all uniformed assignments. She became a member of the juvenile division where, to add insult to injury, she had to advise male officers by radio on how to handle incidents involving

juveniles. She moved on to the jail division where, despite her

policy of not dating follow deeply entrenched view that unless you had driven the streets "It happened by accident. It was very innocent. He was a you were no genuine cop. have breakfast. There was

never the notion that he was

formally asking me out," she

Watson was promoted to

detective on her wedding day

in 1976, became Houston's

and the first female deputy

station in 1987. It was more

than 10 years before she

managed to bindgeon her way

on to patrol work. A captain

finally allowed her to do

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takers. She wanted the job, she

She encountered "real animosity" from the male officers. "There had never been a female lieutenant on patrol and it was very unpopular." But after six months she was promoted again.

She has never been shot at or assaulted, but neither are most officers. She remembers being allowed to go to arrest one suspected thief at a petrol station because the warrant said his right leg was amputated. To her alarm, she found he had lost merely a foot, but still managed to talk him into going quietly.

There were three more se-

police chief's job, but Watson was given it over their heads by Houston Mayor Kathy Whitmire. Whitmire admitted she appointed a woman with "trepidation", and Watson says she woke the next morning wondering whether to

change her mind. Her 600 sq-mile beat is close to the Mexican border and so drug-ridden that President Bush has just named it one of five "high-intensity for special federal funds. It averaged between one and two homicides a day last year, twofifths of them drug-related. Drugs worth £47 million were seized on its streets in November.

She will have a budget of \$200 million (£114 million) and 4,000 officers, but she is inheriting a force bitter about poor pay and understaffing a legacy of the mid-1980s oil price crash which brought Houston to its knees - and convulsed by two recent cases in which officers have shot

black drivers. One further headache: Houston plays host this June to Mrs Thatcher and other western leaders attending the world economic summit. responsible for their security.

Watson got the job because of her deep commitment to the concept of what she calls "neighbourhood-orientated policing", a commitment shared by the mayor. She is not a cop of the old "lock 'em up" school. She does not measure success by tickets issued or arrests made. " have to marshall the energies of our citizens and understand that crime is not just a police problem, it's a problem of society which we have to work together to solve," she says. "We have to be more creative in building an environment where crime is not likely to

Chief Watson seems des ined to rewrite the brief and so fur none-too-illustrious history of women police chiefs. Before her appointment, the largest police force to have been headed by a woman was that of Portland, Oregon. Penny Harrington was forced to resign after only a few months in the shadow of husband had alerted a friend

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designs; meanwhile, until March 1, 40 of her woolly Plastic power works of art adorn the walls of

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Storm damage

National Trust has relaur its Trees and Gardens Appeal established in the aftermath of the 1987 hurricane. Angus Stirling, the trust's director general, says: "We have not lost as many trees as last time. but the damage is more seri-ous — particularly to the NT gardens in the West Country. Many NT gardens are aceless against future weather horrors after losing valuable woodland windbreaks Donations or requests for covenant forms can be addressed to National Trust Trees and Gardens Appeal

Josephine Fairley

Ashkenazy the informer



THE *** TIMES ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

ladimir Ashkenazy, the Soviet pianist and conductor, reveals in The Times tomorrow how he became a reluctant informer for the KGB. Talking to Ray Connolly about his childhood and growing up, he says: "They came to me and said they'd appreciate it if I'd tell them what the foreign students did, what their interests were and what vices they had. I was frightened; I thought 'Oh my God, what will happen to

me if I don't help them?" Ashkenazy also recalls the day Stalin died. "The loudspeakers were all playing funereal music and saying how

leader, and the people were all standing round like sheep. I had to go to a music lesson at my teacher's house because the school was closed. When I got there I said how terrible it was that this had happened, and she whispered No. It's good. Now there might be some improvement. I just couldn't believe that anyone could say that, because my parents would have been too

Also in the Saturday Review, Jonathan Meades reports on his visit to the restaurant at the Tate Gallery, where he detected the unmistakable whiff of Touriste Boarde Englishrye. He urges the Tate's director to transform the restaurant into a showcase of the country's new-found culinary prowess.





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A BREATH OF FRESH AIR

NIGEL WILLIAMSON

wo-and-a-half years after the Commons decided MPs could claim salaries for their secretaries and research assistants out of public funds only if they lodged contracts of employment with the Westminster authorities, 333 - fewer than half the members - employing 523 staff, have complied. The Westminster branch of the TGWU, the union to which many Commons secretaries belong, says that Labour MPs are just as bad as their Conservative counterparts. Although, theoretically, salaries should not be paid on behalf of members until they comply, the Westminster fees office tells me that no one's cash has yet been cut off, and they are continuing to "pursue vigorously" MPs who have failed to provide the contracts.

Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, got very annoyed at the press gallery luncheon this week with journalists who fail to report what Mrs Thatcher says, preferring to interpret what they think she meant. To ingratiate myself, I therefore propose to go one better and report not only the Prime Minister's exact words but the way she says them. Take for example, Nelson Man-day-la. As Ingham also castigated diarists for never checking facts, I rang the African National Congress for the approved pronunciation. Mrs Thatcher has got it wrong, a man told me. The black community rhymes the name with "cellar". The BBC had checked and got it right. He couldn't understand why Downing Street had not bothered.

y thanks to Green Magazine for this. On December 29 last year, Tony Baldry, the Tory MP for Banbury, wrote to a constituent who had asked about potential hazards from the atomic energy station at Harwell: "I don't think that I have the background on which I could sensibly comment on any of your observations or findings". Five days later Baldry was appointed by the Prime Minister as Under-Secretary of State for Energy with special responsibility for coal, electricity and, yes, nuclear power.

The announcement by the Transport Secretary, Cecil Parkinson, on Wednesday that the rail line to Lichfield is finally to be electrified obviously has nothing to do with the impending Staffordshire Mid by-election, or the fact that its electors will benefit. But that has not prevented Graham Allen, the Labour member for Nottingham North, expressing the mischievous hope that a Tory MP in Nottinghamshire will resign so that the line from Nottingham to St Pancras can be



'At least rock musiciass will never get away with claims for their ears'

pare a thought for members of the Commons Select Committee on Home Affairs. As part of their investigation into policing in the EC, they were to visit Rome in June - and several hoped that between their diligent inquiries they might find a little time to see the odd World Cup football match or three. Alas, the visit has had to be postponed, for none of the senior police officers they hoped to meet will be available. They will all be much too busy policing the World Cup.

abour's left-wing veteran, Eric Heffer, retiring from his Liverpool Walton constituency at the next election, has bemoaned to national party officials that Peter Kilfoyle, the party's full-time organizer in the North-west, is after his seat. Heffer, who says in the current issue of Labour Briefing that events in Eastern Europe have finally proved Trotsky right, is understood to be less than delighted about the prospect of being succeeded by a man known on Merseyside as the "scourge of Militant". But if Kilfoyle is successful, Heffer will only have himself to blame. Until 1982 Labour did not allow its fulltime officials to seek parliamentary selec-tion. The prime mover in persuading the national executive to liberalize the ruling was, you've guessed, Eric Heffer. Ah, but he tells me he only ever intended the dispensation to apply to press officers and researchers, never to organizing staff.

Conor Cruise O'Brien on a decision that could unseat the Soviet leader

Russia's German dilemma

them recreate a united Germany. It is significant that Gorbaday suggest that Moscow may be prepared to accept just that. If it chov's enemy, Yegor Ligachov, has fastened on German unity as Gorbachov may be about to get a major issue in the Soviet Union's internal political conflict. At this week's plenum of the Central Committee, Liga-chov, in a speech that was loudly applanded, made a strong attack on Gorbachov's approach to Germany unity. I have seen only one brief reference in the British media to this part of Ligachov's speech, but there was a good account of it in Wednesday's Irish Times, from its Moscow correspondent, Conor O'Clery.

Ligachov is reported as having warned against German unity, which Mr Gorbachov has conceded is inevitable, saying it would involve the engulfing of East by West Germany". He said it would be "unpardonable short-sightedness" to fail to see that a Germany with huge economic and military potential loomed on the horizon, and urged that "a new Munich" must be prevented.
Unless Gorbachov handles the

issue of German unification, from tomorrow, more carefully than he did in his meeting with Modrow, the "new Munich" charge could be exceedingly dangerous to him. This is an issue on which all his enemies, of "left" and "right", could combine to destroy him. It gives Lieachov an opportunity to win widespread popularity. It is an issue - perhaps the only burning issue at this time - about which communist and non-communist

Russians feel the same way. To convince Russians that be is not really the man of "a new Munich", Gorbachov will have to sound significantly tougher on German unity than he did in his talk with Modrow. In that talk it was Modrow, not Gorbachov, who was insistent about "neutrality". Poor Modrow, however, will not be in a position to insist on anything for much longer: the East German elections next month seem bound to replace him. If a united Germany is to be kept out of Nato, it is Gorbachov who must do it.

Gorbachov will have an

explicit on what conditions, if any, and on what time-scale, he is agreeing to German unity. It seems that his advisers are divided on this matter. Shevardnadze on Wednesday sounded like a dove. But another of Gorbachov's advisers, Nikolai Portugalov, said in an interview with Stern magazine this week that the idea of a united Germany as a member of Nato was a joke and that it could

It is doubtful whether a veto on Nato membership for a united Germany will make German unity significantly more acceptable to Russians. However that may be, it looks as if "the Nato veto" is the minimum that Gorbachov must offer the Russian people if he is to have any chance of gening away with his acceptance of German unity.

not happen".

There is also a question of time. The Germans are in a tremendous hurry. Gorbachov, in his talk with Modrow, was all for due deliberation. It will be of very little help to Kohl, in the

opportunity tomorrow to make here and now, if Gorbachov gives his blessing in principle to the attainment of German unity in, say, three years from now. In three years, Gorbachov is not likely to be there, and his successor may well have very different ideas. So it looks as if neither side may gain as substantial results as it hopes for from tomorrow's meeting.

I find it hard to believe in the

idea of a united Germany as a dutiful partner in Nato. It is an idea that is not in line with the Zeitgeist of the last decade of the 20th century, which is increas-ingly nationalist. Russian nationalism and German nationalism - both rising forces are instinctively opposed to the idea. Russian nationalists are opposed to any kind of German unity. German nationalists, passionately in favour, would feel unity to be sullied by incorporation in an international entity, dominated by countries which defeated Germany in the war. Some Germans, maybe most

Germans, in that part of Germany which now belongs to

not belonging to it any longer. And it seems that the West German Social Democrats are seriously thinking of taking up that as a plank in their election platform. At an international security conference in Switzerland last weekend, the SPD delegates startled American participants - according to an American report - by affirming "that Nato had no role to play in a future Europe and a single Germany".

Nato, are attracted to the idea of

If the general hypothesis I have been putting forward on this page — that German nationalism is once more a major force - is correct, then the SPD is on to a winner. German nationalists, of their nature, dislike playing second fiddle in an international alliance dominated by the Americans, and also dislike the presence of any foreign troops, even allies, on

But how many German nationalists are there? Very few, several commentators suggest all that belongs to the past. I disagree. I believe that, if the SPD plays the "out-of-Nato" card, there are enough German nationalists around to make Oskar Lafontaine - or whoever the Social Democrat candidate may be - next president of the Bundesrepublik, in place of the "internationalist" Helmut Kohl.

Bernard Levin on the miracle of an art that reached its greatest flowering during a world war

Le cinéma du paradis

am sorry that The Baker's Wife, a musical directed by Trevor Nunn, has folded after a brief run at the Phoenix Theatre. I didn't get to see it so I am in no position to see it, so I am in no position to say whether vox populi judged it correctly or not. But I must confess that when I say I didn't get to see it, it would be more accurate to say that I was reluctant to do so.

Then President Gorbachov and Chancellor

tomorrow, the key question on their agenda will be: "Can a

united Germany belong to Nato?" The comments of

Eduard Shevardnadze, the Sov-

iet foreign minister, on Wednes-

does, there are some signs that

into deeper trouble than any

Gorbachov prevailed this week over his rivals in the

Communist Party leadership,

but his victory may contain the seeds of his downfall. The end of

the party's "leading role" is

speeding the day when the office of General Secretary - the

autocratic office through which

Gorbachov effected such mo-

mentous transformations - will

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Kohl meet in Moscow

My lack of emhusiasm for a visit had nothing to do with the director, whom I hold in the very highest esteem, nor with the cast; and of the music and lyrics I naturally knew nothing. My problem was nostalgia, for I remember, and remember well, the film on which the show was based: Marcel Pagnol's La Femme du Boulanger. If you have handkerchiefs, prépare to wet them now.

Has there ever been a cinematic Golden Age to touch the years in France between, roughly 1930 and 1945? I am no cinema buff, but I should be very surprised to hear of a challenger. The names alone constitute a roll of artistic honour which half a century to match, not just a dozen years. The directors: René Clair, Julien Duvivier, Marcel Pagnol, Jean Renoir, Jacques Feyder, Marcel Carné. The players: Arletty, Raimu, Pierre Fresnay, Michèle Morgan, Fernandel, Louis Jouvet, Francoise Rosay, Jean Gabin, Michel Simon, Pierre Brasseur, Jean-Louis Barrault, The films: Un Carnet de Bal, Hotel du Nord, Drôle de Drame, Pepè le Moko, Quai des Brumes, Le Jour se

Lève, Les Bas Fonds, A Nous la Liberté, La Kermesse Héroique, the trilogy of Marius, Fanny, César, La Grande Illusion, La Règle du Jeu, Les Enfants du

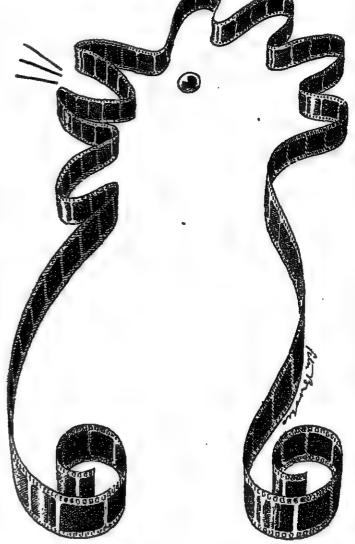
Hindsight tugs at the sleeve; after all, even I am not old enough to have seen the films as they came out, But in the years immediately after the war they were to be seen in cinemas such as the Hampstead Everyman, and I gradually collected them all. I suppose you can get the lot on video these days.

The Thirties in France were rotten, cocrupt years, worse even than in Britain. Our politicians were creatures without vision, courage or even competence; theirs mostly were in the pay of anyone who would fork out. from Stavisky to Hitler. Our generals were useless bonebeads; theirs were thirsting to destroy la putain République. Our fascists were led by rubbish like Oswald Mosley; theirs by one of their greatest writers. (Do you know what Maurras cried out when, at the end of his trial for treason in 1946, he was pronounced guilty? "C'est la revanche de Drevfus!").

The arts can never get far away from their time; inevitably the French cinema mirrored French society and its quality. But the approach was from an oblique angle. There was nothing political in such films, though La Règle du Jeu did paint the French upper classes in acid (Renoir rightly guessed that they would be too stupid to realize how they were being mocked), but there was a remarkable prescience in much of their finest work. You cannot fail to hear the note of something coming to an end; in film after film, the fragility of the world around the makers is at the limit of the work, and the shadows are closing in. I do not believe it is a coincidence that so many of the love films end in tragedy, or at the least in loss. .

It is as though they knew that the world was done for; the elegaic, autumnal melancholy that pervades many of these masterpieces says so clearly. If so, there was another irony to come; many of the actors and film-makers got out of France before the fall (of these, most went to Hollywood, but few prospered there), but some stayed, and went on making films throughout the Occupa-tion. Carne was finishing Les Enfants du Paradis even as the liberating armies rolled on to-wards Paris; I have heard said that half the Resistance were in the crowd scenes, impenetrably disguised as the poor of 1830 and ready to drop everything and fight as soon as the word came. It came; but nothing since

those years could match what had some before. I saw a few films of the post-war French nouvelle vague; wretched, thin and lazy I thought them, and saw no more. And why should I. when I had such memories? There was a dire stage musical called Fanny, based on the Pagnol Marseilles trilogy, which I went to much later; it was at Drury Lane, and a stupendous flop. (One of the actors in it told



me that at a weekday matinée just before it closed there were only 60 people in the house. Imagine that vast shell holding only that tiny handful of grains

of sand!) Of all that wonderful galaxy, surely Arletty was the greatest star of all. Her beauty - not just of face and form, but voice as well - was like something out of a great Renaissance painting, instead of the manufactured,

empty artefacts of the Hollywood make-up rooms. I was dining once with Alan Moorebead; alone at a table on the other side of the restaurant there sat a beauty, no longer young. Alan said nothing, but went over and embraced her; the unheard dialogue ended in her shaking her head, gently, gracefully. Alan came back and said it was Arletty, whom he knew well, and the shake of the head was her reply

you; once, on the stroke of the midnight that ushered in a New Year, I kissed Ingrid Bergman.) I suppose that La Règle du Jeu, if there is to be a choice of

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one masterpiece among many, is the greatest of all those creations. My own personal love, though (and I think it is most people's), is Les Enfants du Paradis, for the richness of the unfolding story, the artistry with which all the plots and sub-plots are woven, the perfect casting, above all the passion and love and heart with which it is filled. If the pre-war films announced the end of the world, Carné's war-end epic says "I told you so".

crezy attempt to film an English serce, The Lunatic at Large, which ended up as Drôle de Drame, is the only one of my list that was pure comedy, though A Nous la Liberté (my own runner-up) is very fimny, La Grande Illusion, Renoir's great shout of pity for mankind's delight in war (the shout was soon stifled in his throat — the film came out in 1937) manages to avoid the obviousness and didacticism which have sunk many such attempts to indict war; the Pagnol trilogy will survive for ever not because of the love story but for the antics of the Marseillais who frequent Raimu's bar, Le Jour se Leve (Gabin at his best) is the one which has the most intense form of the twilight I have described. Ah, the alarm clock in the final seconds! (I am not spoiling it for end you will have been so gripped by the story that you will have forgotten all about alarm clocks. I invariably have).

I am sorry I didn't see The Baker's Wife, and I wish Trevor a huge success in whatever he does next; it's the least I can do in return for the memories he has awakened in me today. Incidentally, who played the dwarf in La Kermesse Héroique? And was he a dwarf?

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Why history will say Gorbachov was a fool

Robert Kilroy-Silk cannot admire a man who has unleashed the dogs of war

ikhail Gorbachov has a lot to answer for. He may be the darling of the West, hailed as a great statesman, liberator of subject peoples, the man who kicked Eastern Europe on to the road to democracy, but that is not how he will be seen by history.

History is a more discerning and exacting taskmaster. It judges by results, rather than promises and slogans. It is not beguiled by an easily assumed style or a carefully cultured image. It does not look at Gorbachov through the eyes of an easily seduced Westerner but stares with the cold, clear vision

of a hungry Ukrainian miner. It will pronounce Gorbachov to have been a decent but also a weak man, a misguided fool, an incompetent politician, a dreamer of impossible dreams. We can only hope that it will not go on to conclude that he was also responsible for more misery, destitution, destruction and death than Stalin and Hitler. It is a real possibility. Anything is now possible in Eastern

Europe. Any fool could have foreseen that the consequences of the almost overnight removal of repressive regimes would mean serious disorder verging on anarchy and chaos. It would be surprising were it not so. Take the screwed-down top off a fizzy bottle and it explodes, over

The moment Gorbachov cavalierly announced that the East European countries could do their own thing, determine their own future, that the Soviet Union would not intervene, that the local Communist Party leaders would be left isolated and unprotected, then the only possible immediate outcome was

major disorder. You cannot, by force of Russian tanks, keep in office deeply unpopular communist govern-ments in Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary for nearly half a century, and not expect an explosion when they are precipitately withdrawn.

Gorbachov had his reasons, of course, but they were not ones of great principle. He has not, overnight, become an Aristotelean, or even a convert to John Stuart Mill. He is still a good communist. It was the serious and developing economic prob-lems of the Soviet Union, after

70 years of communism and five

perestroika, that forced

And the domestic economic difficulties are so profound and seemingly intractable that he has become careless of the consequences of some of his statements and actions. Either that, or he is naive and insensitive to a degree that it is impossible to believe.

What we do know is that be has abdicated from his wider responsibilities. He could not deal with the problems of the Soviet Union and its empire, so he threw in the towel, walked away, and in a spectacular fashion. Not even Pontius Pilate washed his bands of his political problems and leadership obligations so dramatically. And, unlike Gorbachov, he was not hailed as a statesman for dodging

There is hardly a part of the former Soviet empire that is not in some kind of turmoil. East Germany has been deserted by its people and wobbles on the edge of bankruptcy and civil war. Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary, all slightly more cohesive, with vestiges of democratic tradition, nevertheless face enormous economic and political problems they may never over-come. Poor Romania teeters on the precipice of a long, bloody civil war that will probably, almost certainly, culminate it the installation of a dictatorship - of the right or the left, it matters little - which may make the Ceausesen era look like a

garden party. Even the Soviet Union itself is beginning to break up. The Baltic republics cock a snook at Moscow, the southern republics cannot become independent fast enough, and the Ukrainians are not alone in cautiously testing the strength of the Kremlin. Gorbachov may be feted in the West, but few of his subjects wish to remain under his

leadership. No wonder. Not only is there no food in shops, there is great uncertainty. Gorbachov governs on impulse. And, being a leader dictated to by impulse, he has allowed the mob to determine the political agenda. Almost everywhere in Eastern Europe the politics of the mob have replaced those of argument and persuasion.

It will get worse. Gorbachov might, as he said at the Central Committee meeting this week, have a vision of government by "humane, democratic socialism", but almost all his recent actions have worked against its

It might have been possible had he also had a vision of how to proceed. There might have been a chance of an orderly progress to multi-party systems and democracy throughout Eastern Europe and in the Soviet Union, had he established law and order first, as urged by Vladimir Brovikov, the Soviet ambassador to Poland.

A sensible and adroit politician would have prepared the ground before sowing the volatile and irrepressible seeds of democracy. He would have sought allies, set clear objectives, followed a strategy. He had the political and military power to do all this. He could have enforced gradual reforms that would have stuck.

Instead, Gorbachov has let loose the dogs of war, as we shall see in the next few months and years in Eastern Europe. We shall all be involved. We shall not then vote him the most popular leader in Europe. He will be the man who put us all, unnecessarily, in great jeopardy.

It may be counted a major stroke of good fortune that, on Wednesday, the Princess of Wales poked

her hand through the right hole: "DI GRABS JEW'S EAR!" is not a headline one would care to see exciting the world's wire services. in the event, what the radiant fingers groped for, clasped, and indeed correctly identified unseen, was an elephant's molar. I know this, because an hour later I did two-thirds of that myself. I fell only at the final hurdle, but I can live with it: I tell myself that HRH must have felt many an elephant's tooth in her time, all those tropical tours, all those inaugural buns popped in when opening this or that zoological garden, all those chums, doubtless, with backvard enclosures of their own the soft Hampshire evenings echoing to the trumpeting of pachyderm and scion alike

as the tuxedoed guests strolled

among the rhododendrous and shot the breeze.

She and I arrived at the tooth in question by reaching through one of the apertures offered by the Feely Box. The Feely Box is in the new Activity Centre of the Natural History Museum, and it was particularly fitting that the Princess should be there to open it just as her husband, across at Kew, had finished berating the earth's despoilers for the destruction of the rainforests. For, increasingly, the mission of both institutions is to concern themselves with the conservation of what is, in order to avoid becoming the repositories of what was, and it was pleasing to find future monarchs

severally addressing themselves simultaneously to the flora and fauna they hope notionally to inherit

Inheritance, in fact, is now the

theme of the NHM, embodied in a resonant quotation which hangs on its wall to remind us that "we do not inherit the earth from our parents, we borrow it from our children"; and it was therefore particularly reassuring not only to find the NHM teeming with my tiny creditors, but to find them interacting so enthusiastically with the exhibits which the new, enlightened NHM policy encourages them to muck about with. Please Touch! is the campaign anthem, which only goes to



Fauna men are hard as butter

show that a lifetime spent in considering what made a dinosaur tick does not pecessarily disqualify a person from understanding the nature of somewhat younger organisms.

Please stick head in scorpion's pincers! was how Brendan interpreted the rubric. I found Brendan in the Creepie Crawlie Gallery, a spot I had previously visited only in nightmares. The scorpion was 10ft long. Confronted with a similar item in the Odcons of my own youth, a man called Chuck would have cried, "Stand back, Professor, there's only one language these things under-stand!" and emptied his carbine

come a long way since then.
"It holds you like this," explained Brendan. He closed the scornion's claw over his head. "Then it brings its tail over and stings you. Then it drags you up

to no effect whatever, but we have

there to its jaws, and chews you to little bits."

"It's got an exoskeleton," said the little girl next to Brendan. "I've built one, it cost £4.95." "I've built a stegosaurus," said

another girl, muscling in the way kids do. "And I've just bought a triceratops to go with it." She waved the bag from the NHM shop. "I think they ought to do radio-controlled ones. You could have a swamp, and they could all walk about in it."

"I bought a mammoth," said an extremely tiny boy. "Look." "You don't have to build that!" cried the second girl. "You just blow it up. It's not a model. It's a balloon, is what that is,"

"Did you know," said Brendan, who had come out of the scorpion, "that half of all the species in the world are beetles?"

"I've got a stag-beetle at home," said another boy. "It's that long."

"I've stroked a tarantula," said the first girl. "At Syon Park. They let you. This man had it walking up his arm, and I stroked it." Astonishing. My credo has ever

been, if it's too big to step on, run away. What's happened to kids? Where are their phobias? Shamed, I went back to the Feely Box, just to show I was a brave little soldier, and when I stuck my hand in, it touched something unsavoury. I

drew it out again, quickly. "Bracket's fungus," explained the attendant. "Also known as Jew's Ear. But we've stopped calling it that, of course." Quite. All part of the learning

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THE GENSCHER OPTION

As the fusion of the two Germanies accelerates, so the language of statesmen alters as they try to keep pace with new realities. There is much talk now of "transition".

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The word means different things to different people. The differences depend on whether the speaker gives the highest priority to inter-national arrangements which accompany reunification or to reunification itself. To the Foreign Secretary in Bonn this week, it should be a "reasonable" period for necessary adjustments to be made. Yesterday the Prime Minister did not measure a reasonable period in time, but did not disclaim her earlier suggestions that it should be measured in years. To others, and particularly to German politicians, transitional arrangements should be used while more permanent ways of ensuring stability in Europe are worked out.

Military alignments and alliances are the key transitional arrangement. While the headlong rush of events and elections may dissolve the civilian border between East and West Germany, that line also divides two armed alliances. A moment is rapidly approaching when the desire in East Germany for reunification will collide with the 380,000 Soviet soldiers who live there. The key problem for Western policymakers is to avoid that collision while managing a Soviet withdrawal from East Germany.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher has made a constructive opening bid. He has suggested that, as an interim arrangement, the present territory of East Germany should be demilitarized. A reunified Germany would remain a member of Nato. Not the least of this proposal's merits is that it has been sufficiently well-judged to engage the serious interest of both the US Secretary of State and his Soviet counterpart.

The idea has not been explored in great detail and it has drawbacks. In the current climate, the idea of leaving Nato forces in West Germany might be politically unpopular and difficult to sustain. It requires a Soviet leadership ready to face down accusations from its internal opposition that it has "surrendered" to the West without good cause. The merit of such arrangements lies less in the quality of the concept than in the detail of enforceability and verification; we have no idea whether the various parties think they can agree on the fine print.

Herr Genscher's plan has two strengths. It is a strong position from which Nato can bargain with the Soviet Union, which is unlikely to accept such an idea immediately. There will probably be an attempt to negotiate parallel reductions in Warsaw Pact and Nato forces on either side of the inner German border. There may be an attempt to negotiate a reduction in the Soviet troop presence which falls short of complete invisibility. But time, the flow of people out of East Germany and the date of the elections there are not on the Soviet side.

The second advantage lies in the thinking which transitional arrangements must stimulate in Nato. Whatever its geographical deployment, the kind of defence which Nato provides will change. At the moment, its forces on the central front are geared to resisting a theoretical attack which could be mounted by tanks stationed only a few miles away. Shrinking Soviet forces in East Germany mean that the type of defence needed will change.

With the possibility of a demilitarized East Germany under serious discussion in Moscow, Washington and Bonn, there is no reason for defence ministries and Nato's thinkers to remain silent on the ways in which they might react to this change. The idea, already put round, that strategic thinking in Western capitals has been deep frozen by the Cold War has incalculable political consequences - not least in West Germany. Advocates of neutrality for a reunified Germany are to be heard and they would gain strength from being able to represent Nato as a dinosaur incapable of

POLAND'S 'BIG BANG'

The Polish Prime Minister, Mr Tadeusz Mazowiecki, arrives in London on Monday, just before the Paris Club meets to discuss ways of lightening Poland's \$30 billion burden of debt to foreign governments, to seek Mrs Thatcher's support for Poland's "big bang" transition to the free market. He deserves the

most sympathetic of hearings. The strategy of economic and social restructuring launched on January 1 has no precedent for speed or boldness, even outside the communist world. The goal Poland's remarkable Finance Minister, Mr Leszek Balcerowicz, has set himself is to dismantle the command economy within months, seizing the moment of greatest popular commitment to the new Government to inflict the worst pain.

To create the basis of sound money and low inflation without which his planned wholesale privatization of enterprises and distribution systems cannot proceed, he has imposed a shock therapy of "corrective inflation", under which prices are intended first to soar and then, as they reach the demand barrier in a free

market, to steady.

Last month, in a completely successful operation, the Polish zioty was made convertible with the dollar overnight. Subsidies on food, energy and raw materials - which last year accounted for nearly a third of state spending - were slashed or abolished, tight fiscal and monetary policies were introduced and wages were pegged at well below the rate of inflation. The official statistics for January reveal the severity of the treatment.

Inflation, 900 per cent last year, soared to over 65 per cent a month, although this month, for the first time, prices began to respond to market conditions and some fell. Wages, by contrast, rose by only 1.3 per cent. Domestic production fell by a fifth in comparison with the previous January, and both exports and imports showed sharp falls. In any other country, such figures would signal disaster: in Poland, it means the experiment is roughly on

course. The preplanned slump is intended to reduce inflation to 4-5 per cent (a month) by June, and to a manageable 2-3 per cent for the rest of the year.

The Government openly acknowledges that it is gambling on speedy results in the macroeconomic sphere - and risking social as well as economic chaos if it fails. But it argues that the distortions in Poland's economy are so great that it had no choice but to throw the people into the water and tell them to swim.

The astonishing fact is that most ordinary Poles, whose already low incomes are expected to fall by a fifth before recovery sets in, are taking the medicine quietly, even proudly. They have made the connection between freedom and the free market.

The next steps will be even more difficult. Poland's huge vertically integrated monopolies govern every aspect of distribution and production: before privatizaton, they must be broken up to encourage competition. The Government plans to create a "factories hospital" to put the better companies on their feet, and to court foreign investment in agroindustry to get food into the shops at affordable prices. The Government will tread a knife-edge as it turns to the supply side: it must create incentives for production, and for consumers, without courting a return to hyper-inflation.

The approval on Tuesday of the IMF's \$700 million stabilization loan, promptly followed by \$360 million from the World Bank will give Mr Balcerowicz a breathing space. Next week in Paris, Poland will ask Western governments not only to reschedule, but to write down, its existing debts. They will be reluctant to set a precedent which Latin American debtors would immediately invoke. The question is, however, whether they can afford, in the interest of stability in Eastern Europe, to refuse. Poland is doing what no country has tried to do: the West should acknowledge its courage by casting bread on the uncharted waters it is crossing.

A PRINCELY ROLE

The visionary project devised and promoted by the Prince of Wales for a "community army" of youth is gradually assuming more shape. The outline of the scheme was published yesterday in a consultative document produced jointly by the Prince's Trust and the Commission on Citizenship, which was launched by the Speaker of the Commons, Mr Bernard Weatherill, in 1988.

A great deal of thought has clearly been given to avoiding both the obvious and the hidden pitfalls. The idea of encouraging young people to devote a few months of their lives to organized but unpaid service to the community can hardly in itself cause controversy, unless British society has turned its back on virtually all its most important values and beliefs. But its translation into reality must inevitably run an ideological gauntlet, for it could tread on some sensitive toes.

What is proposed is much more than a scheme for getting idle and unemployed youth off the streets. It is primarily concerned with the moulding of personality and character. Prince Charles' conviction is that young people of all classes and backgrounds need significant challenges if they are to mature to self-reliance. He believes they need the moral growth and sense of belonging that comes from the experience of service to others. There is a dimension of individual self-improvement, therefore, but also of involvement in the

improvement of society. The realms of the individual and the social are sometimes treated as opposites. The tension or balance between them is a theme current in much political debate - the former associated with the right, the latter with the left. Neither the heir to the throne nor Mr Speaker can afford to be connected too obviously with either side of the divide; but they share the advantage that they start from neutral ground, and can call on both sides for assistance and support. And as long as these two dimensions receive equal emphasis, they can rightly expect to receive that support, though those of one persuasion might be expected to emphasize the individual dimension and those of the other the social.

Mr David Blunkett, MP for Sheffield Brightside and a member of Labour's national executive, has described the Prince's project as built on principles of service to the community that go back to the origins of the Labour movement. Government ministers, on the other hand, see a continuity between what the Prince is trying to achieve and the values of the enterprise culture. In truth, these are not opposites - it is only the necessary dialectic of the British party political debate that makes them seem so. The objectives of youth community service are neither those of the Young Conservatives nor of the Young Socialists, but something transcending both.

The Prince's philosophy of the "whole man", which is implied in his approach to youth community service, supposes that the ideal is a balance and that the balance is attainable. It is a noble goal. There would, of course, be risks to him if it went wrong, most of all if it were seen as leaning too far on either

side of the balance. Yesterday's outline suggests that this has not happened so far, and that the Prince and his advisers are sufficiently politically alert to steer a confident course that will continue to attract all-party support and keep clear of damaging labels. He is not engaged in the moral formation of "Thatcher's children" or indeed of "Kinnock's children" - that would be an improper role for the heir to the throne to concern himself with - but of good citizens who are also good people. That is an entirely proper role for a prince.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NHS resources

From Dr Oscar Hill Sir, There has been a massive change in the Government's pos-ition on NHS reforms that has not received the attention it deserves. From April, 1991, all elements of the NHS must be financed by negotiated contracts. London teaching district treats patients from something like 40 districts and an indeterminate number of budget-holding GPs. Being centrally placed, they receive and admit communities as casualties admit commuters as casualties and those who find it convenient to attend near their place of work.

The major hospitals can offer specialist services not available locally and the standard of care in a teaching hospital may be higher than in some local hospitals, thus attracting patients. The hospital managers are ill-prepared for the complex task of negotiating con-tracts with equally unprepared districte.

Because of these difficulties. financial stringency, and the historic links within a district between the purchaser and provider of services it will be tempting to require everyone to be looked after in their own district. They could well require casualties seen elsewhere to be transferred to a local facility as soon as possible, as is the current practice with psychiatric emergencies. There is some merit in this approach, but there are extensive ramifications that require debate.

Not only will this policy severely limit patient choice, but there will be a drastic fall in the clinical activity and revenue of the major teaching hospitals, damaging their service, teaching, and research.

Of the different aspects of trust status - local recognition of terms and conditions of employment, commercial management of capital assets, and financial dependence on contracts for patient care - the third is the most radical, with the most immediate impact. The entire NHS has been told that it can expect to take the major step towards trust status by April, 1991, entirely contrary to the Government's earlier position that trust status would be awarded only to units with sound management systems.

I can understand and share the Government's impatience with the inefficiencies of the NHS, but if the Government in frustration makes unrealistic demands of the poor old NHS horse it will not go better, but is more likely to collanse between the shafts. Yours faithfully,

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'The Satanic Verses' From Mr Herb Greer

families of British hostages (report, February 6) is wrong. The Satanic Verses did not cause "serious damage to community relations in Britain and deaths around the world". Books are passive objects. Those difficulties and horrors were caused by the chosen actions of vindictive and bigoted human beings.

It is depressing to see people who have suffered directly from such bigotry and malice join the ranks of certain well-meaning public figures, and truckle to those who have caused their suffering.

If our century has taught us anything, it is the grim lesson that such appeasement does not propitiate the bigoted and malicious; on the contrary, grovelling inspires them to inflict still more hideous ordeals on the rest of us who have not suffered - yet. Is that really what the families of the hostages want?

HERB GREER, 124 Fog Lane, Didsbury, Manchester 20.

Competitive posts

From Mr Peter Kane Sir, Alan Tuffin of the Union of Communication Workers (February 3) states that if the Post Office letter monopoly is removed, the universal tariff will disappear. I do not accept that this will happen.

In a competitive market place, the users of mail services will not wish to have the complication of dealing with a supplier who offers different rates for various parts of the country. The customer will demand, and get, a single rate for the whole country.

The Post Office should be able, because of its established branch network and sorting centres, to compete with any private operator. If the playing field is not level it surely lies in favour of the Yours faithfully.

PETER KANE (Chairman), Business Post Ltd, Express House, Crystal Way, Harrow, Middlesex. February 5.

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From Mrs Fiona Jack Sir, Yesterday, while walking in the beautiful larch forest above this sophisticated mountain resort, I heard the sound of bagpipes. Being a Scot I had to investigate. I met, in a clearing a delightful Dutch girl who said it was the perfect place to practise. In what other unusual places have your readers heard the pipes being practised, and by whom? Yours faithfully. FIONA M. JACK. Chalet Sous-Bois. 3963 Crans Montana.

Heavier calls on New beginnings in Eastern Europe

From Dr W. H. Zawadzki Sir, How many Germans would endorse Mr Modrow's call (report, February 2) to make Berlin the capital of a reunited federal Ger-many? Is there not a strong case against Berlin, the symbol of former Prussian domination of Germany and a city situated since 1945 on the eastern periphery of the country?

Should the Germans not be encouraged to look further back into their past, beyond the Bismarckian era, to the long history of the Holy Roman Empire of the German nation and opt for one of the cities where the Imperial Diet used to meet? What about Frankfurton-Main which about Frankfurt-on-Main, which also hosted the liberal Parliament of 1848-49 and is today the financial centre of Western Germany with excellent air facilities.

Greater Berlin could become a separate Land (like Hamburg) or perhaps the chief city of a Land based on historic Brandenburg. Yours faithfully,

W. H. ZAWADZKI. Abingdon School, Park Road, Abingdon, Oxfordshire. February 2.

From Dr David Le Vay Sir, The recent changes in Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union have left military establishments on both sides of the old Iron Curtain uncertain as to their future role, as exemplified by the present correspondence in your columns (February 7) about new patterns of activity for our own Army.

The old pattern of the West confronted by an evil Soviet empire was curiously stabilizing: each side knew its part and the dangers of an actual conflict were such as to exclude its materializ-

Now, everything is changing and very volatile, and therefore dangerous. The recrudescence of nationalism means that local conflicts may trigger enormous con-sequences, as in 1914.

One way of resolving these anxieties, by doing something that is in any case inevitable, is by the establishment of a world police -of a Pax Nordica, imposed by the USA, Europe, Russia, and, yes, China. This would make allies of old enemies and achieve, at a stroke, what the UN has never been able to do. It would maintain the self-respect of national armed forces uneasily seeking a new role.

The time has long gone when representatives of unimportant or ideologically-motivated countries should be allowed to block eff-

Press Council plight

From Mr Peter Thompson Sir. The letter from Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, Chairman of the Press Council, jointly with Kenneth Morgan, Director of the same body (February 6), raises a number of points not only on the question of financing the Press Council but also on the growth of its activities, particularly if one has in mind that, in 1989, the Press Council received a record of 1,484 complaints.

With the introduction of the code of practice agreed by almost all the national newspapers last December, with their "ombudsman" type of system to represent readers' interests, it is clear that the Press Council will, ideally, have a lesser part to play as the national press will be conducting their own investigations.

if regional dailies, regional

'Mad cow' disease

Sir, The report (February 2) on research developments with BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) emphasises that we do not know what the risk to man is; nor, in fact, do we understand much about the causal agent.

With more than 9,500 cattle

Sir, Anxious to keep to a privatisation timetable which the electricity boards have the power to upset, the Government has lost its commitment to competition between generators - the very competition which it promised

This organization's duty would be to supply a civilian administration

once pacification had been achieved. Another advantage of this scheme is that the military contribution of each policing power need be much less than has been required in a confrontational

situation and the resources so

freed would go to improve in-ternal economic conditions, par-

ticularly in the Soviet Union but

ective police action by the UN.

also, usefully, nearer home. The idea is already in the air, for we are thinking of using armies in disasters and war is the greatest of these. Instead of sending Finns and Irishmen and Fijians to smother the ashes of exhausted conflicts, let us so organize mat-ters that Americans, Russians, Europeans and Chinese join in a quadripartite peace-keeping force of such power that wars, including internal wars, cannot even begin. The difficulties are obvious, and

great; the potential benefits far

greater. Yours faithfully, DAVID LE VAY, 6 Garstons, High Street, Burwash, East Sussex. February 7.

From Dr P. Hackett and Mr M. J. Jones Sir, We should like to suggest that one very practical form of assistance to East European countries would be the provision of free education, both in scientific-tech-nical disciplines and the humanities, at United Kingdom higher education institutions. The approximate cost of funding unde graduate study for, say, 1,000 young men and women, drawn from Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland and Romania, would be of the order of £10

million per annum. The expenditure of this admittedly not insignificant amount of money would be welcomed and appreciated by the individuals of the governments of the countries concerned. Regardless of any direct financial advantages that might accrue to the United Kingdom over time, we should hope that these unpaid future graduate ambassadors would exercise a long-term beneficial influence on behalf of this country. Yours faithfully, PETER HACKETT (President),

M. J. JONES (Secretary), The Institution of Mining and Metalhurgy, 44 Portland Place, W1. February 1.

weeklies, periodicals and other newspaper groups were to in-troduce their own type of code of

practice based on that of the national press, then perhaps the funding difficulties of the Press Council might be overcome by having less work to do. The readers' interests would be greatly enhanced, too, as their complaints would be dealt with

more expeditiously, while at the same time not forfeiting their legal rights that happens when making a complaint to the Press Council. Sadly, the behaviour of the newspaper and periodical in-dustry, in editorial terms, has

deteriorated and this deterioration has flooded the Press Council with many more complaints. Yours etc.,

PETER THOMPSON, 60 Beltran Road, SW6. February 6.

From Mr Bruce V. Jones

By coincidence you also printed in the "On This Day" column a letter from 1866 referring to the cattle plague (rinderpest) epidemic then ravaging the UK. The author demonstrated the sound economics of a prompt and decisive slaughter policy to stamp out the disease, as advocated by the great veterinary epidemiologists Professors Gamgee and Simonds. Their arguments are just as potent

Power and prices From the Chairman of the Association of Independent Electricity Producers

would bring "downward pressure on prices".

The privatisation has always been loaded against new entrants, not least to ensure that the electricity boards are attractive to investors when they are floated. One serious deterrent to prospective independents is excess generating capacity already in the

Despite this over-capacity, the Government has just granted the CEGB planning and investment approval for a new power station at Killingholme, Humberside. In contrast, most genuinely independent schemes still cannot get off the ground. The companies which will succeed the CEGB are still trying to agree the price at which they will sell their privatised power. As the incumbent generators command most of the market, independents are finding

already slaughtered and farmers desperate to see the disease brought under control, why does not the minister review his compensation policy? Cattle owners are being penalised by the injustice of payment of only 50 per cent of the beasts' value; such penny-pinching will blunt the incentive to report every suspect case and some may evade what should be a fool-proof net.

Fair compensation and vig-orous implementation have always been the watchwords of a successful disease-eradication pol-

Yours faithfully BRUCE V. JONES, Down Ampney House, Down Ampney, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

February 5. almost impossible to obtain the long-term contracts for their power necessary to secure finan-

cial backing for their projects. Area electricity boards, which as plcs will buy most of their power from generating companies, are largely unwilling to offer contracts to independents until they have settled a price with their main suppliers - the ex-CEGB companies. The longer that this is allowed to persist, the less chance there will be for real independents to have any impact on the electricity market.

If it really wants to encourage competition from clean, efficient independent power generation, the Government still has much to do. It should begin by curbing the building plans of the CEGB until independents have their promised "level playing field". Yours faithfully, D. C. PIKE, Chairman,

Association of Independent Electricity Producers. South West One Ltd. Herodsfoot. Liskeard, Cornwall. February 5.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -(01)782 5046.

Making amends for misdeeds

From Mr R. H. Little Sir, By happy coincidence, on Tuesday, as MPs were calling for offenders to be put to tough and useful work in the community during the debate on the Criminal Justice White Paper (report, February 7) a photograph appeared in our local evening paper of two offenders cleaning a car of a disabled person.

They were taking part in the scheme this unit has just started in which offenders, mainly convicted of taking cars or stealing from them, wash cars for members of the public whose cars are especially precious Offenders report before 9 a.m. on a Sunday and wash cars solidly through until about 3 p.m., with a short break for lunch.

In that time we wash some 20 cars inside and out to showroom standards. Equally important is the care and attention given by the offenders to the drivers, who are given a chair in the warm, a cup of coffee, and are generally made to feel welcome.

Not surprisingly, we are looking for ways to double the number of sessions because all our customers come back next time.

Six hours' car-washing is hard work by anyone's standards, especially in a gale such as blew last weekend. I also have photographs of offenders up to their thighs in mud and water, clearing a sluice in a local country park, or heaving sandbags to make a Cornish wall

for a local ecology-minded school. I could cite other examples, not only from Berkshire but from all over the country, in which offenders are making amends for offending by work which not only demands physical and mental effort but which is constructive and from which the public benefit

- and all free. May I leave the last word to an elderly lady from Newbury, whose home our offenders redecorated recently. "I must admit the ones who came here were most helpful and very kind-hearted", she said. One even fitted window locks for her because she feared she might

be burgled. Some hooligans. Yours faithfully, RAYMOND H. LITTLE (Senior Probation Officer and Community Service Organiser), Berkshire Probation Service, 18a Castle Street, Reading, Berkshire,

Museum charges

February 7.

From the Director of the National Maritime Museum Sir. Professor Todd (February 5) displays the arrogance he so deplores in accusing museum the public wants when they have never asked.

At the National Maritime Museum we have a comprehensive programme of market research. both among visitors and those who have never visited, and we are very clear about what they want. I know that many other museums do the same.

As Dr Wright (February 7) points out, the current debate on charges is clouded by the fact that museums have two interrelated roles: one to foster serious scholarship and research and the other to make their collections available and comprehensible to the general public. Charging helps attain both these goals and carefully thoughtout concession schemes will enable poorer people (if this really is the worry among those who still do not charge for entry) to continue to benefit.

Fine words like "inalienable" and "national resource" used by the advocates of free admission all too often conceal a fear of being responsible for the well-managed and efficient organisation that a more businesslike orientation inevitably brings.

Yours faithfully, RICHARD ORMOND, Director. National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, SE10.

Charitable example From the Reverend Michael J.

Sir, How refreshing to read (February 6) that a 15-year-old boy's Portfolio win will go to charity — after giving his friends a celebratory lunch. This should encourage those who tend to denigrate the youth of today and be an example to many adult winners who so often boast of spending their winnings on them-SELVES.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL J. BURNS, St Mark's Vicarage, St Mark's Road, Tattenham Corner. Epsom. Surrey. February 6.

Mind over matter From Mr Paul Watkins

Sir, Spending a night in a hotel in the company of a rather pompous client, my brother, who was a "10-minute man", completed *The Times* crossword in his room over the morning tea without writing in the answers. Carefully refolding the paper to restore its virgin appearance, he then went down to breakfast and scribbled in the answers in just less than a minute under the awestruck eyes of his client Yours faithfully.

PAUL WATKINS, Sotherton, Halesworth, Suffolk. February 6.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

bruary 8: His Excellence Teuku Mohammad Hadi Thayeb was received in audience by The Prince of Wales and The Princess Royal, Coursellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, and presented the Let-ters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence
as Ambassador Extraordinary
and Plenipotentiary from Indonesia to the Court of St James's.
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nesia to the Court of St James's.
His Excellency was accompanied by the following members
of the Embassy: Mr Rhousdy
Socriaatmadja (Minister). Mr
Socjono Socrjoatmodjo (Minister Counsellor), Mrs Sitti
Aminah Socjono Kromodimoeljo (Minister Counsellor),
Mr Budiman Darmosutanto
(Counsellor). Mr Nasir (Counsellor), Mr Nasir Muhatim (First Secretary), Mr

Minaim (First Secretary), Mr Djoko Hardono (First Sec-retary), Colonel Syam Soem-anagara (Defence Attachė) and Mr Didi Abdurachman (Commercial Attachė). Their Royal Highnesses also received Siti Mariam Hadi

Sir Patrick Wright (Perma-nent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) was present and the Household in Waiting were in

The Queen was represented by the Viscount Long (Lord in Waiting) at the Memorial Ser-vice for the Lord Elwyn-Jones (Formerly Lord Chancellor) which was held in Westminster Abbey, today.

The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited UBU Hats Limited, 52e Belsize Park Gardens, London

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, visited IFM Hexfax Limited, 30 Liddell Road and Mr Waldman Limited, 224 Iverson Road,

Losdon NW6.

The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief, St John Am-

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will visit Monkton Combe School, Bath, at 11.30 and open the new boarding house for girls; as a Visitor of the Dorothy House Hospice, will visit the founda-tion, 164 Bloomfield Road, at 12.40; and visit the Geology Department of Bristol University at 2.15. Later, as Patron of the Home Farm Trust, she will

Dinners

Augle Mauritian Association
The Princess Royal, Commandant-in-Chief of the St John
Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, was the guest of honour and speaker at a charity dinner given by the Anglo Mauritian Associ-ation at Guildhall last night in aid of the Order of St John. Mr Ravi Misra, chairman of the association, presided and Lord Westbury also spoke. Lady ife of the Prime Minister of Mauritius attended. Among others present were:

The Speaker gave a dinner in Speaker's House last night in honour of a parliamentary delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr Vadim Andreevich Medvedev. The Soviet Ambassador was also

present. The guests were:
Mr Jack Ashley, CH, Mp, Mr John
Biffen, Mp, the Hon William Waldegrave, MP, Mr Domald Anderson, MP,
Mr Sydney Edwell, MP, Mr Christopher Butter, MP, Mr Robin Corbett,
MP, Sr Paul Hoen, MP, Lord

Patternankers' Company The Lord Mayor and Lady among those present.

bulance and Nursing Cadets attended the Annual Banquet of the Anglo Mauritian Associ-ation at Guildhall, London EC2.

February 8: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, accom-panied by The Princess Royal, was present this evening at a Reception given at St James's Palace to mark the 150th anniversary of the first running of the Grand Military Gold Cup. The Lady Elizabeth Basset and Sir Martin Gilliat were in

KENSINGTON PALACE February 8: The Prince of Wales, President, The Prince of Wales Advisory Group on Disability, held a meeting at St

His Royal Highness, President, Business in the Community, gave a lunch for Strategists t Buckingham Palace. The Prince of Wales received

Senhor Fernando Collor de Mello (President-elect of the Federative Republic of Brazil) at Kensington Palace. The Princess of Wales, Patron,

Turning Point, visited the Char-ity's Hungerford Project at 32a Wardour Street, W1. The Prince of Wales was repre sented by the Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos at the Memorial Ser-

vice for the Lord Elwyn-Jones which was held in Westminster YORK HOUSE

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THATCHED HOUSE LODGE RICHMOND PARK February 8: Princess Alexandra, Patron of the Mental Health Foundation, was represented by the Lady Mary Mumford at the Memorial Service for the Lord Elwyn-Jones which was held in Westminster Abbey, today.

attend the Homebase dinner at Old Quarries, Avening, Glou-cestershire, at 7.55.

Lecture

Royal Society Sir George Porter, OM, Presi-dent of the Royal Society, presided at the annual Michael Faraday Award Lecture delivered by Professor Colin Black-more at 6 Carlton House

Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, at-tended the annual livery dinner of the Pattenmakers' Company held last night at the Mansion House. The Master, Mr G.W. Marshall, presided assisted by Mr Daniel Gilbert, Upper War-den, Mr J.P.H.M.S. Cunyng-hame, Renter Warden, and Mr R.J. May, Warden to the Trade, The Upper Warden, Assistant R.P. Shepherd and Lord Rees-Moga also spoke. During the dinner the Lord Mayor was presented with a pair of pattens by the Trade Warden. Among

Lady Cururophame, Admiral Str Des-mond and Lady Cassidi, Vice Admiral Str John and Lady Cox, Mr and Mra Str John and Lady Cox, Mr and Mra Mr. Spencer, Mr and Mra A M Nieders, Mr and Mra Alpet Moses, Wing Commander and Mra DJ Drew, the Deacon and Collector of the Incorporation of Cordiners in Glasgow and their fadies and the Master of the Launderent Company and the Launderent Company and

Himterian Society
Mr Elliot Philipp, President of
the Hunterian Society, presided
at a dinner held last night at the
Savoy Hotel to mark the Savoy Hotel to mark the anniversary of the birth of John Hunter. Lord Jakobovits and Dame Mary Donaldson were the principal guests and speakers. Lady Jakobovits, Lord Donaldson of Lymington and the President of the Royal College of Physicians were among those present.

Mrs Malcolm Wallace was in CLARENCE HOUSE

Charles Hector Fitzroy Maclean was born the second son of Hector Fitzroy Maclean, on May 5, 1916, into

Charles Maclean was educated at Canford School, Wimborne. His father died in 1932 and, as his ekder brother was also dead, he succeeded as 11th baronet and 27th Chief of the clan on his grandfather's death in 1936. He served as an officer in the Scots Guards during the War, and fought in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany in 1944-45, being

He retired form the Army in 1947 and continued with his main interest, the breeding of Highland cattle and

LORD MACLEAN

Innovative Scout leader and organizer of Royal ceremonials

OBITUARIES

Lord Maclean, Bt, KT, GCVO, KBE, Royal Victorian Chain, and Privy Councillor, died yesterday at Hamp-ton Court Palace, of which he had been Chief Steward since 1985. He

"Chips" Maclean was many things in his life: courtier, soldier, cattle breeder, Chief Scout, and head of an ancient Scottish clan with a romantic and bloodstained past. But in the public mind he was, first, the man who, as Lord Chamberlain, organized the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, in 1981, and, second, the Chief Scout who banished the movement's short trousers, and gave it a modern image.

For the first achievement his reward was the celebrated kiss bestowed on him by the Princess as the Royal train left Waterloo station for the honeymoon. For the second he could take comfort from the knowledge that a Scout movement which was begin-ning to look dated, emerged from his stewardship with its range of activities imaginityely expanded and its appeal to youth much widened.

the clan Maclean of Duart, which traces its lineage to Gillean nan Tuaighe, or "Gillean of the Battleaxe", founder of the clan Gillean in the 13th century. The family home, Duart Castle, on a windswept promontory of the Isle of of Mull, had been destroyed after the 1745 rebellion, but Charles Maclean's grandfather had rebuilt it shortly before the First World War.

mentioned in dispatches.



Blackface sheep. He was also active as a JP and Lord Lieutenant of Argyll.

His practical scouting had amounted to no more than prep school Cubs. But he showed an immediate grasp of what was necessary for the movement when he became Chief Scout of the UK, and Chief Scouz of the Commonwealth in

party set out to revolutionize the scouting image. The image of "little Johnny of the Pecwits", with badges down to the elbows was consigned to the dusthin. Scouts were henceforth to be Scouts, not Boy Scouts, Short trousers were swept away in the whirlwind of reform. A host of new

adventure activities, such as gliding and caving were added to the traditional fare of camping, tying a thousand species of knot, and lighting fires without matches. Even the Applejacks pop group, then riding high in the Top 10, were enlisted in the campaign, Maclean pointing out that their vocal talents had been honed in Gang Show performances. We must do more to show that scouting it really swinging and 'with it'", declared Maclean to the appalled elders round the campfires. By the time he stood down in 1975, scouting was a movement with a radically altered image.

He had in the meantime (1971) become Lord Chamberlain and a Life

Peer. As the senior officer of the Royal

Happier occasions awaited him in the Silver Wedding of the Queen, that

Not that the job did not have its lighter side. On another occasion he had to advise the Queen on whether she ought to retain her right to every whale and sturgeon washed up on the British coastline. After some deliberation it was decided against, on the grounds that it was of no benefit to the Crown, and might well prove a.

Chamberlain in 1984, a well-liked head of the Royal Household for 13 and daughter, survive him.

Household it fell to him to oversee the ceremonial of all Royal occasions which were not State occasions. Mercifully, the most unpopular function of the Lord Chamberlain - that of stage censorship — had been relinquished in the 1960s.

Lord Maclean's first ceremonial ssignment, the funeral of the Duke of Windsor, in 1972, was a testing one, given the relationship of the Crown to the Windsors. But he was adjudged by even unrelenting observers of Court protocol to have passed with flying colours. Assembled at Heathrow, ready to pounce upon the slightest error, the royal-watchers noted with approval that his farewell to the the Duchess of Windsor did not include a

same autumn and the wedding of Princess Anne in the following year. He also organized the ceremonial for the funeral of Earl Mountbatten, and the Silver Jubilee celebrations. The Wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales was perhaps the culmination of his term of office, and was generally adjudged a superb spectacle. The run up to it had provided a moment of humour when the reticent courtier found himself in the middle of a wrangle about the approving of designs for "Charles and Di" tecshirts, being manufactured by the million in the factories of the Far East.

"Chips" Maclean retired as Lord years, with a reputation as a perfectionist. Maclean married, in 1941, Elizabeth Mann. She, and their son

DOUGLAS LONG

From cavalryman to reporter — then top newspaper executive,

Douglas Long, who died on February 7, had an unusually varied newspaper career which fell into three distinct

He began conventionally as a reporter and news executive, transferred successfully to management and ended as one of the founding fathers of two of the new newspapers, The Independent and The Sunday Correspondent, made possible by new technology. He would have been 65 today.

Long, a Londoner, was born educated at Wandsworth School, but the war meant that he had little time to consider a career before becoming a soldier.

Colleagues who knew him later as a prototypal hardheaded news operator were surprised to know that he had been a calvaryman in the Indian Army, serving with such glamorous units as the Royal Deccan Horse and as a Captain in Probyn's Horse. But, once demobilised, he found the vocation which was to last the rest of his life. He joined the old Daily Graphic, largely a picture paper, as a reporter and was soon promoted to feature writer. His progress for a time was steady rather than dramatic.

Daily Herald. From that point his career went only forward. Odhams, which owned the Daily Herald in an uneasy partnership with the TUC,

brought him to London where he became Chief News Editor and Features Editor of the Here he was irascible, intuitive and effective. Provided with minimal resources on a fully Deputy Managing Direc-Shah, whereas Long proved fading newspaper he still man-tor and Deputy Chief outstandingly successful in

aged to produce what the readers wanted. Unfortunately the readers became fewer and fewer as they were claimed either by death or by richer newspapers. Eventually Odhams was bought out by the Inter-national Publishing Corpora-tion, headed by Cecil King

and at that time the most successful newspaper and magazine organization in Britain. The Herald was transformed into the IPC Sun under the slogan "Born of the age we live in." But falling sales and advertising meant it died in the age it lived in and the paper was taken over by Rupert Murdoch. Long was not part of the

take-over. He had been talentspotted by Don Ryder, now

He had a spell on the Daily Lord Ryder of Eaton Hastings, Record in Glasgow and then but then Chairman of Reed became Scottish Editor of the International, who were to International, who were to Group - he was himself a take control of IPC in turn just as IPC had taken control of Odhams.

Long was appointed General Manager of the Odhams take-over and then moved swiftly and successfully to the Mirror Group, as the news-paper part of IPC was to become. There he was success-Executive before his promotion to Chief Executive of the group in 1980.

Here he remained until July, 1984, when Robert Maxinto the Mirror's Holborn Circus headquarters to announce that he had bought the promptly moved out.

Long was then almost 60 with no financial worries. His friends expected him to enjoy a long retirement, devoted to his many interests such as horse racing, theatre and swimming. Instead he plunged himself within months into a completely new and fascinating activity.

Matthew Symonds, a Daily Telegraph man who was help-

knew all about the Mirror product of the Mirror's training scheme in the West Country - and approached Long to be a co-founder.

Long accepted with zest and element after the Reed reverse contributed much. His management expertise helped to avoid the errors which contributed to the initial failure of Today, launched by a comparative amateur in Eddie backing from the City.

success apparently in no doubt Long retired once more. The well made a midnight sortie share situation on The Independent would have made bim a very rich man. Almost immediately, however, he begroup. Maxwell moved in to came involved in a combecome publisher and Long parable venture when he was appointed Chairman of The Sunday Correspondent. For a second time he presided over what appeared to be a successful taunch.

> venture. He was attacked by cancer of the liver and after only a short illness he died at the Royal Marsden Hospital, in Surrey. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his son Mark, and four grandchildren.



Anglia).

underhand manner. On one occasion, when he reported a rival shop for Sunday trading. he first called the proprietor and began: "This is Charles Hammick and this is what I propose to do...".

He knew about everyone who worked for him, and was a benevolent despot in the best sense: exceedingly gen-erous, open and considerate. character, he entered into everything he did with enthusiasm and efficient gusto.

vives him.

M. SERBA

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The first two of his marriages ended in divorce.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr D.S. Taylor and Miss F.D. Buchama-Smith The engagement is announced between David Stuart, son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Taylor, of Ashwell Grange, Ashwell, Rut-land, and Fenella Delahoy, youngest daughter of the Rt Hon and Mrs Alick Buchanan-Smith, of House of Cockburn, Balerno, Midlothim.

Mr M.T. Boobbyer and Miss C.M. Hannon The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr Brian and the Hon Juliet Boobbyer, of 4 Victoria Road, Oxford, and Catherine, daughter of Mr Peter and the Lady Fiona Hannon, of The Fort House, Dundogan, Coleraine, Northern Ireland.

Mr S.G.C. Hill and Miss L.A. Huxtable The engagement is announced between Simon George Cooper. son of Major A.K.C. Hill, of Stoke Goldington, Buckinghamshire, and Lucy Ann. daughter of General Sir Charles and Lady Huxtable.

Mr J.J. Berry and Miss C.M. Osborne

The engagement is announced between Julian James, son of the late Mr John Berry and of Mrs Berry, of High Lane, Warlingham, and Caroline Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Osborne, of Middle Park Road.

Mr G.J.C. Bingham

and Miss S.C. Maxse The engagement is announced between George, only son of Commander and Mrs G.E. Bingham, of Grenville House, Droxford, Hants, and Sarah younger daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Maxse, of Pelham Place, Alton, Hants.

Mr L. Bjolgerud and Miss E. Toke-Nichols The engagement is announced between Lennart, eldest son of Mr Anders Bjolgerud and Mrs Elli Myking, of Asker, Oslo, Norway, and Emma, daughter of Mr Nicolas Toke-Nichols.

Mr S.J. Cooke and Miss N. Morris

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Mr and Mrs Robert Cooke, of Brighton. Sussex, and Nia, eldest daughter of the Rt Hon John Morris QC, MP, and Mrs Morris, of Llandysul, Dyfed.

Mr AJR Hill and Miss T. Smith

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of the late Patrick Hill and of Mrs Eliza-beth Hill, of Caversham, Berk-shire, and Tracy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Smith, of Oldham, Lancashire.

Mr A.H. Gray and Miss K.E. Christie

The engagement is announced between Andrew, youngest son of Mr T.D.H. Gray, FRCS, and Dr K.E.C. Gray, of Fowlers Beuch, Burwardsley, Cheshire, and Kathanne, second daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Christie, of Sands, St Brelade, Jersey.

Mr G.R. Maguire and Miss K.M. Bell

The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Mrs S. Maguire and the late Dr R.T. Maguire, of Wodonga, Australia, and Kathryn, younger daughter of Mr R.W. Bell, OBE, of London, and Mrs A. Bulcock.

Mr P.M.H.I. Petersen

and Miss S.A. Steedman The engagement is announced Mr and Mrs B. Petersen, of Pinner. Middlesex. and Sarah Aeliz, younger daughter of Mr R.R. Steedman, of Blebocraigs, Fife, and Mrs S.E. Steedman, of

and Miss F.J.M. Landon

The engagement is announced between Christopher, younger son of Mr and Mrs Charles Payne, of Old Felixstowe, Suffolk, and Felicity, elder daughter Bethersden. Kent. and Mrs of Mr and Mrs Theodore Lan-Richard de la Mare, London. of Great Bromley, Essex.

Mr M. Evans and Miss B. Walmsley The engagement is announced between Mark, younger son of Dr and Mrs S. Evans, of Klip River, Transvaal, and Bryony, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Selby Walmsley, of Formby,

and Miss D.J. Hardwick

The engagement is announced between Douglas, elder son of Mrs Alison Robertson and the late Mr Ewen (Bill) Robertson. DFC. of Peaslake. Surrey, and Debbie, second daughter Group Captain (retd) and Mrs John Hardwick, of Floet,

Mr S.N. Garrett and Miss C.I. Falcon

The engagement is announced between Simon, son of Mr I. Garrett and of Mrs R. Quint, of Ventura, California, USA, and Claire, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.G. Falcon, of Keswick Old Capt R. Symons RE and Miss K.R. Brown

The engagement is announced

between Rupert, on of Mr and

Mrs A.J. Symons, of Esher, and Katrina, daughter of the late Col G.G.W. Brown and of Mrs Flick Brown, of Hartley Wintney. Mr D.P. Vanstou and Miss F.R. McGill The engagement is announced between David Paul Vanttone, of London, W11, and Figna

Russell McGill, eldest daughter

of Mr K.G. McGill, of Kirkburton, Huddersfield, and

Mrs J.L. McGill, of Fixby,

Hudderstield. Mr A.L. Joyce and Miss V.C. Porter

The engagement is announced between Andrew Lindsay, son of Mr and Mrs W.H. Joyce, of Pantaquesta, Mid-Glamorgan, and Victoria Claure, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.M. Porter, of Miskin, Mid-Giamorzan,

Mr Hugh Conway

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Hugh Graham Conway was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Prince Consort Road, London, SW7. The Rev Dr Martin Israel officiated, assisted by the Rey Leslie Skunner, Mr Giles Conway, grandson, and Mr Barrie Price, Chairman of the Buganti Trust, read the lessons and Sir Denis Rooke, President of the Fellowship of Engineering, gave an address.

S.D. Garrett

A Memorial Service for S.D. Garrett ScD. FRS. Emeritus Fellow of Magdalene College and Emeritus Professor of Mycology in the University of Cambridge will be beld on Saturday, February 17, 1990, in St Giles' Church, Chesterton I and Cambridge at 310 pm. Lane. Cambridge, at 3.30 pm.

Mr Colin Eccleshare

There will be a meeting to honour the memory of Colin Eccleshare, publisher (1916-1989), President of The Publishers Association, 1973-1975, and London Manager of the Cambridge University Press, at 19 Bedford Square, London WCI. on Monday, March 5, at noon. Coffee will be served from 11,30 and light refreshments will be available after the meeting. Friends wishing to attend are asked to advise Priscilla Oakeshott, 01-340 8845, or Elizabeth Robinson, 01-580 6321.

Luncheon

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and
Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon ment at I Carlton Gardens in bonour of a parliamentary delegation from the Soviet Union led by Mr Vadim Medvedev, Member of the Politburo of the Central ComLord Elwyn-Jones, CH

The Queen was represented by Viscount Long at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Elwyn-Jones, CH, held yesterday in Westminster
Abbey. The Prince and Princess
of Wales were represented by
Lord Cledwyn of Penrhos. CH. the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Mr Andrew Palmer. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent by Sir Peter Scott and Princess Alexandra by Lady Mary Mumford.

The Dean of Westminster officiated, assisted by the Rev Alan Luff, Precentor, the Rev Paul Ferguson, Chaplain and Sacrist, the Rev Hugh Hellicar and Canon Eric James. Dr and Canon Eric James. Dr Lionel Kopelowitz, President of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, read the lesson in Hebrew, Miss Eleanor Bron read from letters written in 1665 by Isaac Penington, the Quaker, to Bright Atley a found by wrote to while Atley, a friend he wrote to while serving five consecutive sentences as a prisoner of con-science in Aylesbury gaol. Mr Michael Foot, MP, gave an

The Right Rev Ronald Gordon, representing the Arch-bishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Monmouth, representing the Archbishop of Wales, Canon Donald Gray and Lord Blake, High Steward of Westminster, were robed and in the Sacranum. The Lord Chancellor, the

Lord President of the Council and Lady Howe, the Speaker and Mrs Weatherill, the Lord Privy Seal, the Attorney General and Lady Maybew, the Solicitor General and Lady Lyell, the Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ircland, Lord Home of the Hirsel, Lord and Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, Lord and Lady Calla-ghan of Cardiff, the Speaker of the House of Assembly in Bermuda and the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Westminster attended. The Lord Chief Justice and Lady Lane

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breeder and chocolate salesman - suddenly collapsed and died while working at his home in Dorset on February 1. He was 62. He was born at Weybridge on October 24, 1927, and became a Grenadier Guardsman in early life. He went into bookselling

almost by accident, and perhaps mainly because his second wife was a writer, and a sensitive one. While engaged in strenuous commercial business he had suffered, in 1967. very severe heart attack. Told that he needed to avoid undue exertion (which in fact was meat and drink to him) he chose to set up a bookshop.

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He was supported by, and was on the board (though not very actively) of Associated Book Publishers until 1987.

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When he left the book trade in 1987 he characteristically entered business as the manager of a high-class manufacturer of chocolates. Although troubled by a series of further heart attacks, he continued to ride, farm and plan for the future.

He was three times married: first in 1953 to the former Mary Crichton, by whom he had two children, secondly to the writer Georgina Heyman, by whom he had a son and two daughters, and thirdly to Carol Mordaunt, who sur-

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how the tiny fuel cell works, but there is no reason to think it cannot be explained by conventional electro chemistry. Although the way the reaction works clearly differs from what goes on in the old type of fuel cell, the magnitude of the voltage it produces is characteristic of hydrogen-oxygen combination.

Also in Nature, Tom Mallouk of the University of Texas shows how an array of such devices could be the loaned and linked together on a microchip to generate hundreds of volts from a component not much bigger than a pinhead.

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The Colorado beetle rapidly became a severe threat to the potato in America, and by the following year, the alarm bells were ringing across the Atlantic and several European countries banned the import of American potatoes.

A NEW ENEMY TO THE POTATO.-From letters received from our American correspondents, it appears that the potato is threatened with an enemy more terrible than the disease which has occupied such a large share of public attention during the last thirty years. This enemy is an insect which is too well known to cul-tivators in America as the Colorado tivators in America as the Colorado potato-beetle, Doryphora decempunctata. Since its first appearance in the cultivated districts a few years since, it has done an immense amount of mischief, and spread with such amazing rapidity throughout North America as to give cause for fearing that it will find its way across the Atlantic to our shores. The original home of this pest was in the Rocky Mountains, where it feeds on a Rocky Mountains, where it feeds on a species of wild potato; but as soon as crops of the edible potato were planted at the foot of the mountains, they were attacked by the bestle, which from that time commenced to travel towards the east, extending itself right and left as it did so. In 1859, it was 100 miles westward of Omaha, in Nebraska ; in two years afterwards it made its appearance in Iowa; and, in 1865, it had begun to devastate Missouri and had crossed over the Mississippi, and commenced its ravages in Illimois. It then proceeded on its way at such a rapid rate that by 1870 it was located in Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, the State of New York, and Massachusetts, having thus accomplished a journey of about 1,700 miles in 11

years. In 1871, a large number of these beetles crossed Lake Erie on floating leaves and other convenient rafts, and in a very short time commenced their depredations in the country between the St. Clair and country between the St. Clair and Niagara rivers. As an instance of the rapidity with which the Colorado beetle is increased, it may be mentioned that three broods are usually produced each year. The first batch appears in April or May, according to the mildness or severity of the weather, and in a short time, the female insects begin to deposit their eggs on the under side of the leaf, at the rate of about 1,000 each. In little less than a week, the leavae escapes the rate of about 1,000 each. In little less than a week, the lavae escapes from the eggs, and, after feeding upon the potato leaves for about 17 days, the insects bury themselves in the soil, from which they emerge in a fortnight full-grown, and the females commence depositing eggs as hefore. The last brood remains below the surface during the winter. Fields of potatoes, when attacked, are quickly cleared of every particle of green foliage and the crop totally destroyed. foliage and the crop totally destroyed. It was at one time hoped that the beetles would, like an invading army, devastate the country and pass on; but it has been found that colonies are left behind and the pest estab-lished permanently. They are un-injured by extreme heat or cold, and as yet no means have been discovered for destroying them excepting by hand picking, which is not only tedious but attended with a considtedious but attended with a considerable amount of danger; for the blood of the crushed insect or its larvae produces blisters upon the skin whenever it comes in contact with it, and if it touches a wound upon the hand or elsewhere, it causes severe inflammation, followed, in many cases, by most painful ulcars. We would suggest that in the importation of seed of the American postoes—which is now carried on potatoes-which is now carried on to a very large extent—the utmost caution should be exercised to prevent the introduction of the beetle to this country.
—Gardener's Magazine.

Although worries over the environmental effects of fossil fuels burning oil have spurred interest in other energy sources, established alternatives like nuclear and solar power have their own disadvantages.

But in this week's issue of Nature, Christopher Dyer of Bell Communications Research in New Jersey describes an innewation which was offer new deficit. Connect the electrons and are dissolved in the acid; at the other, atoms of oxygen gas lose electrons, and are dissolved in the acid; at the other, atoms of oxygen gas pick up electrons, and are dissolved in the acid; at the other, atoms of oxygen gas pick up electrons, and are dissolved in the acid; at the other, atoms of oxygen gas pick up electrons, and are likewise taken up into the acid solution. The dissolved hydrogen and oxygen combine to form water, but as a by-product of this controlled reaction one electrons and are dissolved in the acid; at the other, atoms of oxygen gas pick up electrons, and are likewise taken up into the acid solution. The dissolved hydrogen and oxygen combine to form water, but as a by-product of this controlled reaction one electrons and are dissolved in the acid solution.

in New Jersey describes an innovation which may offer new promise by making a modern microchip version of a cumber-some kind of chemical battery known as a fuel cell. Fuel cells were invented exactly 150 years ago. They generate power by burning a fuel—usually hydrogen or a hydrocarbon gas such as methane—and turning the energy directly into

electrons while the other gets a deficit. Connect the electrodes by a wire, and a flow of electrons—an electrical current—passes between them.

Although the principle is simple, making a feel cell that is efficient and produces a useful power output turns out to be difficult, and practical fuel cells tend to be bulky and costly.

For this reason they have found only limited applications: to power electrical equipment in spacecraft. Only recently have they been considered for more down-to-earth uses such as powering electric cars.

Dyer's new design may change all that. His device is tiny, consisting of an extremely electricity. Normally, when hydrogen is burned with oxygen, the re-action is spontaneous and explosive. But in a fuel cell the two gases are made to react in a slow, controlled way that creates electricity instead of heat.

This control of a potentially explosive process is achieved by ensuring that hydrogen and oxygen never come into direct contact. Instead, the reaction takes place in two steps. Inside a fuel cell, a pair of electrodes are separated by an electrically conducting substance — in the simplest kind of cell, an acid. At one electrode, atoms of

Service dinners

Mr Christopher Patten, Sec-retzry of State for the Environ-ment, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF

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sided. The Right Rev Francis Walmsley, Bishop of the Forces, and Air Vice-Marshal Manus Moran attended.

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ment, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the RAF Chaplains Branch (Roman Catholic) beld last night at the Marie Reparatrice Centre, Wimbledon. Mgr Michael Cassidy, principal chaplain, pre-

atoms thick, sandwiched between two metal plates (platinum or nickel) which act as the
electrodes. Dyer finds that films
of aluminium oxide and a
polymer called Nafion work
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When one electrode is kept
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The following have been elected fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh: Dr David Alan Pyke, of London; Dr Bryon Edward Roberts, of Leeds; and Dr Anthony Busuttil, of Edinburgh.

Philip Ball

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THE ARTS

Surfeit of porridge

SEEVISION ... Sheridan Morley

Fans of the Australian soap-opera Prisoner Cell Block II, arguably the worst thing to have happened in Sydney since the arrival of the first British convicts, will have heen fascinated by two examina-tions transmitted last night of the realities of modern prison life. BBC 2's 40 Minutes on "The Danger Men" looked at an experi-

mental wing in Hull Prison where convicted murderers and other high risk offenders are given a new softly-softly treatment in the hope of making them better citizens, or at any rate better prisoners. The scheme costs £1 million, at a time of severe prison mies elsewhere, and is likely to fill correspondence columns with outrage. There was even a Monty Python-esque quality about the whole affair as prisoners sat around in luxury discussing pre-vious incarcerations, much as returning holidaymakers analyze

Surprisingly, one of the guinea-pig prisoners escaped with the help of a visiting teacher during the making of the film, while another memorably noted that when stabbing a man 30 times and generally jumping on him, he was both very annoyed and 18 stone. The programme was hugely uncritical of the project. For anger about the current prison system

about the current prison system one had to turn to This Week (ITV), where Richard Lindley had ae chilling interviews with inates of secure mental hospitals who have been found "unfit to sentenced for life to their own

But prisoners locked away without limits of time" because they are mentally unstable may also only be murderers within their own imaginations: as long as they are kept away from the courts, not only are they unable to have their causes heard, but the killers who mger being saught by the police

John Russell Taylor on the overdue re-assessment of an English 18th-century master painter, Wright of Derby

Back into the light at last

hibition turns up in imposing credentials of being organized jointly by the Tate Gallery, the French Musees Nationaux (for the Grand Palais in Paris) and the Metropolitan in New York, one hardly expects to find that the subject is an English artist. Much less that it is not Gainsborough, Reynolds, Con-stable or Turner, which seems to be about as far as the taste for le style anglais extends on the other side of the Channel.

Nevertheless, the Wright of Derby show (Tate, until April 22) comes to us with precisely these qualifications. More remarkable still, it comprises upwards of 170 original works and nearly 50 reproductive prints, and is de-voted to an artist of whom even many British art-lovers have hardly beard.

Identifying features? Well. Wright's most familiar pictures all make virtuoso play with light from a source concealed somewhere within the picture. Even those who do not know the title or the painter would probably be familiar, at least in reproduction, with the National Gallery's "An Experiment on a Bird in the Air Pump" or Derby Art Gallery's "A. Philosopher giving that Lecture on the Orrery, in which a lamp is put in place of the Sun".

They date from, respectively, 1768 and 1766, and since they both feature and demonstrate some kind of scientific experiment, they tend to figure prominently in books and documentaries about the Age of Enlightenment, and probably the Ro-manticism of the Industrial Revolution as well. In the show this latter connection is underfined by the number of semiindustrial scenes which Wright painted, they range from interiors of an iron forge, a blacksmith's shop and a glass factory to a dist-



"A Philosopher giving that Lecture on the Octory, in which a lamp is put in place of the Sun", now at the Tate

wright's Cotton Mills by Night". But it is not only historic and documentary interest which has made these paintings famous. It is their cunning and intricate com-position, which neatly manages to combine educative interest with straightforward human detail, such as the frightened little girl who has to be persuaded that the bird in the air pump is coming to no harm. In this respect Wright clearly anticipates the popular genre pieces of the 19th-century, and so remained popular long after many of his contemporaries had come to look merely faded and old-fashioned.

In addition, there is the technical/anecdotal interest (akin to "See how the eyes follow you round the room") in his handling of light. The two best-sellers have ant prospect with the title "Ark- in common with many of his

lesser works a dramatic contrast of light and dark: the light emanating from some concealed source, a candle or a lamp, somewhere in the centre of the pictorial space, and radiating out until it is lost in the shadowy surroundings in such a way that the features of the figures around it are modelled by a strong chiaroscuro, almost theatrical in effect.

The smaller, simpler pictures in the same line, like "Two Boys Fighting over a Bladder" or "Two Girls Dressing a Kitten", are full of drama, and the skill of their painting is so self-evident that even people who know very little about the technique of art are

Of course, these dramatic light-and-shade pieces were not all that Joseph Wright accomplished in a prolific career spanning nearly

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heroines of Sterne.

prominent in many of his more

fanciful later pictures, such as

those inspired by the doleful

There are, it is true, some acute portraits of older women, and

some of younger men which make you wonder whether Wright meant to present them in quite such an unappealing light. But for a modern audience the most attractive of his works, apart from the chiaroscuro set-pieces, are likely to be the landscapes. As might be expected, given his preoccupation with the drama of light, the sights that he found most striking and productive on his extended trip to Italy 1773-75, were the fireworks of Rome and the eruptions of Vesuvius. he first he saw, the

second he had to imagine, since unfortunately the volcano did not see fit to put on a show while he was there. But he painted both frequently, and with such success that his grandest paintings of each subject were bought by Catherine the Great, and are seen at the Tate courtesy of loans from the Hermitage and the Pushkin Museum.

Even better are some of the nieter Italian landscapes, real or maginary, with or without banditti. In particular there is an amazing picture of 1790 (like many artists of the period, he went on and on working over his sketches and his memories), described simply as "An Italian Landscape", where the folds of the mountain across the water are rendered so economically in alternating bands of lavender and grey-green that we could imagine we were looking at something by one of Gauguin's disciples, or, less grandly, one of the pre-war dust-jackets to classic Batsford books.

Wright emerges - in the leaguetable of comparable painters recently memorialized by the Tate — as a little below Stubbs in interest, and decidedly above Agasse. And it is comforting that his best-known paintings turn out actually to be his best as well.

A soloist saves the occasion

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It was worth doing without a certain weight in Brahms's Violin Concerto to hear the piece played so beautifully in tune: Cho-Liang Lin seemed to enjoy exploring the highest register with perfect clarity. He also enjoyed observing small points of articulation, sailing on long phrases or executing double stops without any effort, and bringing a delicacy to the rhythm. The gypsy associations of the finale, for instance, were forgotten in favour of a smiling, skittish playfulness.

But the accompaniment was being achieved with much less polish. The wind players of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra, normally a characterful bunch, sounded unbelievably dull and uncertain in the introduction to the slow movement, and there was altogether a lack of rhythmic firmness, for which the conductor, Esa-Pekka Salonen, substituted a rather implausible bellicosity of sound and gesture.

Worse was to come in the second half, in a Immbering fragmentary and sometimes incomprehensible performance of Schoenberg's Pelleas und Melisande. There was little harmonic driving force to carry the music from section to section (or occasionally even from bar to bar), and the immensely complex textures, which need such careful balancing, often seemed to be happening by accident, so that one heard one or two salient details surrounded by a sludge.

Instead of seeming an extraordinary feat of musical development, therefore, the work came over as grossly repetitive, and one can only hope for some improvement before the repeat performance at the Barbican this

Leading lady finds her range

It is a fair bet that the Coliseum will be putting out the HOUSE FULL notices during the run of this revival of La traviata. And the reason is the presence of Helen Field in the title role.

When David Pountney's chilly, didactic and often perverse staging of Verdi was first seen 18 months ago, Field was fighting her way towards a portrait of Violetta. She has now found it. There is the febrile child-woman of Act I, from Stefanos Lazaridis's now notorious chaise-longue resting in an improbable field of corn. (In such surroundings, Pountney suggests, Paris's top-hatted bourgeoisie dream of getting their oats.)
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confrontations. The first is with Germont Père (Alan Opie back in full, solemn voice, looking as though he had stepped straight from a Pinero play) when the first concession is made to bourgeois rectitude. "Dite alla giovine" was given the full power of a sacrifice

made under great pressure.

The second is, of course, with death itself, where the Field soprano, now gaining weight and security by the year, is heard to

greatest effect. The cry for help in "Gran Dio" raises this Traviata on to its right emotional plane.

It is a pity the new Alfredo, Edmund Barham, could not touch such heights. It is solidly sung in a conventional way. But too many of the notes are directed not into the house but to the boards of the raised stage platform, which Lazaridis has draped in red and gold cloth wickedly reminiscent of the interior of Covent Garden. Martin Handley is the new

conductor, cautious and even anonymous to begin with, but encouraging the singers to deliver in long-spanned phrases. In the last act he gave Helen Field strong support, and she is the lady who is delivering a very complete and satisfying Violetta.



Helen Field: triumph as Violetta

Albert would approve

Simon Tait on a unique multi-disciplinary collaboration which will create a new ballet

hatever Prince Afbert knew about the Temples of Angkor in Cambodia, it was probably not part of his vision of what to do with the £186,000 profit from the Great Exhibition. But 140 years on, many unlikely elements have been brought together in "Prince Albert's Vision" - a unique collaboration, announced yesterday, between the English National Ballet School, the Royal College of Music and the Royal College of Art, which will result in the creation of a new ballet.

The Great Exhibition profit was actually used to transform 87 acres of a dowdy urban village called Brompton - now South Kensington - into an educational estate, informally called "Albertopolis". Its aim was to "contrast the means of industrial education and extend the influence of science and art upon productive industry". Now, that ethic has brought together not only industry, the arts and edu-cation but three different arts educational establishments within a few yards of each other, and all inside Albert's educational estate.

Bantaey Srei, which means Citadel of the Women, is a composition by Paul Max Edlin, a 26-year-old RCM graduate who was inspired by the "Shangri-La" city of Angkor with its complex of temples, among which the tiny Bantaey Stei is the most exquisite.

Mark Bruce has been commissioned to create the choreography for the ENBS dancers, and he chose a team of RCA designers,

following an RCA competition. "There's 12 of us from different disciplines working together for the first time" said Oonagh Toner, a 24-year-old management post-graduate in the industrial design department, who is co-ordinating the creation of logos, set, lighting and costume design. "It's a strange experience, working as a team, but it's also very invigorating having the choreographer, composer and production manager around."

The sponsor, Regalian Properties, is providing £50,000 a year for three years to create what is hoped to be a permanent pronme of workshop ballet made

from scratch. The 15-minute ballet will be the central part of a programme of new works created in col-laboration. They will be per-formed at the RCM's Britten Theatre in July; the ballet will be filmed by the RCA's film school and may enter the ENB repertoire.

"For this first venture there wasn't time to create an original piece of music, so we had to take a piece already written, although it has never been performed before." said Sir John Tooley, former general director of the Royal Opera House, who is director of this project.

Ironically, the idea came from Peter Schaufuss, sacked last week as the artistic director of the English National Ballet, and from the Marchioness of Douro, who disappeared from the ENB board last month after the new chairman, Lady Harlech, took over. Lady Douro is still chairman of the school, though, and the guid-ing light of this enterprise. "Propinquity," she says, "plays a vital role. It has made it possible to harness the creativity of three colleges in a common endeavour

towards a purer art form," "I've beard of similar sorts of collaborations being done informaily, but I've never heard of this before," says Tooley. "It gives choreographers, dancers, musicians and designers the chance to learn in their formative years the problems of creating a ballet."

Conflict of honesty made flesh Peck's study of someone with a For Arthur Miller, the key mo-

ment in modern American history was not Vietnam, not even World War Two, but the crash of 1929 and the ensuing depression. Those events stripped the trappings and trimmings from the nation and showed the heart within. They revealed to everyone what she or he morally was.

half a century. He began

portrait painter of the local Mid-land gentry, and continued to

paint portraits throughout his life.

one's mind how one feels about

the portraits: with hindsight it is

impossible not to notice that

Wright's mastery of soft-focus effects might be the envy of many

a classic Hollywood photographer, and there is, undeniably, a strong

hint of sentimentalism in the way his sitters' faces are deprived of

hard outline and frequently fade

hazily into the scenery around the

On the other hand, Wright

would probably not have rejected

the charge, or even thought that it was a charge. He clearly prided

himself on being a man of feeling.

Sentiment, in a rather fulsome and

funereal 18th-century shape, is

It is not always easy to make up

Miller has acknowledged all this in his non-dramatic writings, most recently his autobiography Time*ends*, and in several plays, mos explicitly The American Clock. The same recognition illumines The Price, the latest of his works to be revived at the Young Vic and far from the least. Indeed, David Thacker's sensitive yet robust production may well establish it. at any rate in British eyes, among his masterpieces.

As you enter the theatre, you are forcefully made aware of the forum in which the dramatic conflicts are largely to be fought. There are piles of ancient tables. chairs and bric-a-brac, cumulatively representing the past, or The Past. This is where old man Franz, ruined in 1929, frittered away the next 30 years. Now he is dead, and everything is to be sold to a wily old assessor. What is its value, what its price?

Those are also the questions faced by the protagonists, Franz's sons. Vic left college, became a cop, looked after his father. The price of that choice was money and career; the value, moral peace. Walter upped and became a doctor. The value was wealth and success; the price, unease and unhappiness, a broken marriage and a bad conscience.

Since Miller has the pathological skills of his teacher lbsen, all this makes for a fascinatingly intricate post-mortem examination. However, it is Walter's belated attempt to resuscitate the brothers' long-dead relationship that provides most of the drama, particularly as there are guilty secrets to be revealed. And certainly Thacker succeeds in bringing Miller's master-theme, the

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale

The Price Young Vic

degree of our responsibility to ourselves and each other, more subtly to life than I recall when The Price was originally produced

He knows what it is like to see a sibling after a long estrangement: the shy watchfulness, the wellmeant but ill-judged gesture, the hidden rancour, the irrepressible anger. He understands the emotional contours of a marriage as husband and wife shift from weariness to warmth to hostility and back again, all for reasons incomprehensible to the outsider. He senses just when and how heat gets intolerably intense, and sim-

mer becomes boil. But then he has expert performers in Bob Peck, David Calder and Marjorie Yates, playing Walter, Vic and Vic's exasperated wife. long-hardened centre trying to soften himself — nut passing itself off as cream, so to speak — is finely managed; but it is Calder who has the most opportunities for complexity. Beneath that roll-ing walk and gruff, genial cop's manner is highmindedness and cowardice, decency and infantilism and jealous rage. He is a good man and a vindictive martyr.

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Nor is that all the Millerus. How easy to have used the assessor for comic relief, reducing him to an entertainingly garrulous stage Jew. In Alan MacNaughtan's loving performance he is funny and dignified: a very old man with his own anxious agenda, and a history embracing four marriages, three economic depressions, and a daughter's suicide.

Unpretentiously, he represents human resilience and the spirit of survival; the possibility that, in spite of everything, one can indeed be oneself. He is simultaneously on the margins of Miller's play and at its centre; honesty made



Alan MacNaughtan (left) and Bob Peck in Arthur Miller's The Price

Comic confusion at the seaside

It is a remarkable fact that both Shakespeare and Ayckbourn began their literary careers with a plot resting totally upon a confu-sion of identity, Shakespeare with this day in the life of a Mediterranean seaport and the Bard of Scarborough with Relative Values.

It is even more interesting that where Ayckbourn's first play, alongside its marvellous comedy, betrays an auguish that will develop into the bleak view revealed in Man of the Moment (opening next week in London), there is nothing in The Comedy of Errors to suggest that Shakespeare will move on to the grimness of Troilus and Cressida.

His first dramatic work is situation first and last, with its very few poetic lines expressing the bufflement of those knocked

askew by the madness. After the world-touring ardours and trismphs of The Wars of the Roses, the English Shakespeare Company has chosen this likeable remp as a spot of light relief before embarking on the quartet of tragicomedies and tragedies which are Jeremy Kingston

The Comedy of Errors Theatre Royal, Bath

being planned for the autumn. Glen Walford has joined them as guest director though it is too carly to say whether the glittering and almost fairyland settings of the new designer, Rodney Ford, betoken any permanent shift in pictorial style.

Where the History plays are bloody reality, the comic errors in Ephesus belong in a semi-mythical realm, brushed with magic, where everything ends happily. Even Dromio of Syracuse escapes the threat of having to bed down with his twin's fat wife.

The bewitching settings elevate the imagery of the sea to a more prominent level than the play really justifies. Ford drapes the two side pavilions with fishing nets, between which we see a bluegreen watery depth and a ship becalmed. What instrumental

music there is comes from The Flying Dutchman, where the quest for unity has a very different outcome, but the vocal music of brief chants and keening is original, other-worldly, sometimes quite funny and nicely placed.

The details of this setting give occupation to the eye while the ear copes with the Abbess's long speech and the tedious arguments for wifely duty. But when the twits are strutting their stuff the comedy of the plot takes over, enormously helped by the striking physical resemblance of the actors.

Mark Anstee and John Elmes are indistinguishable as the two Antipholuses, yappie braves for-ever stretching out their arms in madly heroic protests, and the crew-cut, gormless Dromios (Charles Dale, Stephen Jameson) also look identical, even when on stage together. This happy casting, and fine phrasing by Christopher Saul and John Darrell, make the evening a comic success despite the symbolic overview that Walford seems to have in mind.

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Rose Rouse talks to the abrasive singer-songwriter Billy Bragg, who has just set up his own recording label

Pillow talk and pink politics

illy Bragg should be re-nowned for the acuity of his tongue as much as for his socialist politics and his often intimately personal songs. Half-way through our conversation, he picks me up for including him in the pop star genre. "Careful with your terminology there, Rose, working musician, please, he says, with a provocative twinkle in his eye. Bragg is often depicted as a dour left-winger. He is not. Humorous

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repartee is one of the chief weapons with which he is wont to goad his audience out of any indulgent complacency. At a re-cent concert, he chided the crowd for singing along to his lyrics, and sang new songs so they could not He has also been known to give men in the audience a mini-lecture on bedroom tenderness. "What I'm trying to do, whether writing, singing or talking in between, is to Neither is he politically predict-

able. Invited to East Germany last February because of his anti-Tory stance, Bragg refused to toe the GDR line and denounced the existence of the Berlin Wall on television. "I said: 'I went to the Berlin Wall yesterday and now I realize what it is - it's a nature reserve for the ecology-minded people of the GDR to protect the bunny rabbits of Berlin. That's wonderful, but personally I think it's time the bunny rabbits were allowed to run freely." He was immediately informed that he would not be invited back to East

Germany. 1989 was a travelling rather than a recording year for Bragg. "I don't think I have to have a single out every three months and an album every 18 months. I've always relied on live gigs to keep myself in the public eye," he said. Australia, New Zealand, Japan, China, Bolivia, America, Portugal, Switzerland, Mexico and Greece

all featured on his itinerary for different reasons. "I didn't go to China to play," he says. "I just went for a butcher's." He arrived shortly before the events of



Is he's door left-winger? Billy Bragg admits his fifth album is "political" at least insofar as it includes a rewritten version of The Internationale

thankfully refrains from taking his

laundry home to his mother), has

made a fair bit of money over the

last few years. Consequently, he

decided to invest some of this in

his own record label, Utility

Records. "The idea is to deal with

those people who are getting

turned down by both major and

independent labels. The indie

scene has got as myopic as the

mainstream one. I'm really fed up

Tiananmen Square, and met many young Chinese musicians.

They wanted to know about the ideas in the West and were very pro-Gorbachov," he said.

in the States, he found himself pursued by "anyone more interested in spicier politics than Tracey Chapman had to offer"; in Mexico he was dogged by practical difficulties, "We had to rewire all the halls because they had no earth. The guy who did it earthed the PA to the front row of metal seats that the audience sits on."

Bragg regularly gives his audiences different ratings according to their reactions, "There's the 'we like you and we know every one of your songs better than you do' (Hackney Empire at New Year); there's the 'we're interested and gung-ho but we haven't bought all the records yet' (most of America) England's playing guitar, let's all go' (Lithuania and Mexico)."

Depending on the level of linguistic comprehension, Bragg does either his chatty set or his "U2 in a football stadium" set.

Chiefly a songwriter rather than a singer - he sings with conviction rather than a wonderful voice - Bragg surprised his loyal followers in 1988 by releasing an album, Workers Playtime, that did not contain any political songs. Claiming diseachantment after the third Tory victory, Bragg decided to turn inwards for inspiration. Songs such as "Val-entine's Day is Over" even attempt to deal with what it feels like to be a victim of male violence as the woman in a relationship. "Women have said that I can't know what it's like, but I'm writing it for men," says Bragg.

Utility has an ideology which At present, he is recording his consists of "not signing the band up for 100 records and not getting fifth album: a political one. Apart from his own compositions, there any money as an advance". So is a new version of The Interwhat do the artists gain from the nationale. With characteristic gall, experience? "A recording contract

that's long-term on their terms, Bragg has rewritten it. "Well, it he says. "It's a step up; they don't go naked and unknown to other definitely needed updating," he says. A reluctant studio person, Bragg says: "The studio is too precise, making records is a record companies and feel pressurized into accepting their terms." In fact, Bragg would wholly ap-prove if all the deals were one-off, Billy Bragg, who doesn't drive a car and lives in a flat in Acton (but where the musicians moved on as

> Utility has already released six albums. Newcomers on the label are Caroline Trettine, a folk singer with a sensual voice, and Clea and McLeod, two Scottish women who sing in a rousing vocal style about topics such as men and

As I am about to leave, Bragg sesses himself. "In the end, I'm trying to be more than just a geezer playing songs. That's not enough,' he says with genuine feeling.

● Utility releases two albums, Be-yond Our Means by Clea and McLeod and Be a Devil by Caroline

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BOOK REVIEW

David Sinclair

most rock stars casually esponse.

according to an ethos of laisser-

faire gone mad, Mick Jagger

probably spoke more truthfully and more plainly than most when

he said "If you don't go for as

much money as you can possibly

Accordingly, Marc Eliot, an

actor turned writing graduate of

Columbia University, attempts to trace the history of rock in terms

of the economic imperatives

which have had crucial influence

on the affairs of its prime movers.
Unfortunately his enquiries

have not focused on anything

particularly new, and no matter how detailed the account, the time

hardly seems ripe for yet another

trawl through the murky waters of

Fifties' payola and the demise of

Alan Freed, or Colonel Tom

Parker's notoriously venal han-

dling of Elvis Presley's career, or

Allen Klein's various run-ins with

the Beatles and the Stones, or

Berry Gordy's setting up of

Motown, or the deals that went

Eliot's account, which is almost

entirely related to the American

side of the industry, does not even

reach the Eighties until Chapter 19

(out of 22) and then proceeds to

skip through the decade in a dead

prose style that vacillates between

that of the hip academic - "While it may not be everyone's bag, there's no denying the pervasive

influence of rap music, particu-

larly among today's economically

disenfranchised urban street

youth" - and the financial pages:
"49 albums went platinum in

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There is doubtless an entertain-

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by Marc Elio

A glorious patchwork

David Sinclair

The Blue Aeroplanes: (Ensign CHEN 13)

It is difficult to think of a group with a more severe presentation problem than that of the Blue Aeroplanes. To add to the duff name, there is the archetypal indie ghetto image, the self-conscious and irritatingly hyperactive live show, and now a cheap monocurrent single "Jacket Hangs", so awful that it stood out like a yarmulka in a mosque on The Chart Show last week. Small wonder that the band has achieved the unusual feat of releasing four albums while remaining virtually

(Virgin America VUSLP 8)

On the credit side, they come from Bristol - hardly an area to rival Manchester, but nevertheless a city that is quietly gaining an air of music business credibility -and their fifth album, Swagger, is so exceptionally good that people will simply have to take notice.

Produced by Gil Norton (Pixies, Echo & the Bunnymen, the Triffids), Swagger is a glorious, swirling patchwork of massed chiming guitars overlaid by the stream-of-consciousness lyrics of Gerard Langley who intones rather than sings in a lilting voice that is suggestive of how Andy White might have sounded if he had been raised in the south of England instead of Belfast. The overall effect is redolent of the way in which Mark Knopfler can make his indistinct vocal grunt sound tuneful by entwining it round guitar lines of supreme melodic

The gladiatorial interplay between the group's three guitarists produces a wealth of exquisitely romantic tunes and textures ranging from the tough Neil Youn like chop and thrust of "Jacket Hangs", to the achingly beautiful, Van Morrison-tinged "Weight-less". R.E.M.'s Michael Stipe contributes backing vocals to "What It Is", another stirring piece of metaphysical moodiness underpinned by lovely, twinkling arpeggios threaded together like pearls on a string.

Forget what you have or have not beard about the Blue Aeroplanes, and make investigation of this album a priority.

The Havelines: The Havelines (Elektra EKT 89)

Despite being "personally se-lected" by cranky old Bob Dylan as the support group on his current European dates, the Havalinas have turned in a better-thandecent début. Although new-comers collectively, singer and multi-instrumentalist Tim McConnell and bassist Smutty Smith have been comparing tat-Omnibus £12.95 toos since they were both mem-Despite the radical idealism which bers of the New York punkabilly the industry in which they have all Joined by Chalo Quintana, the chosen to work and hope to charismatic, chain-smoking prosper has traditionally been run drummer formerly of LA-Mex

forged an attractive rootsy rock sound by using mainly acoustic instruments to punch out a raft of chunky, sometimes country-in-spired songs with a cheerful, pugnacious energy.

pugnacious energy.

McConnell sings with a chomping Jagger-like sneer on "High Ropes" and the pumping "Why Didn't I?", which sounds like an outlake from a Green On Red album, while elsewhere the mood varies from the decidedly Dylanish feel of the delightfully poignant ballad "Don't Feel Bad" to the elegant cod-reggae rhythm of "Inexperienced", which borrows its haunting chord sequence from Iggy Pop's classic "The Passenger".

Camper Van Beethoven: Key Lime Pie

Apart from boasting the sort of is guaranteed to reduce the keenest of critics to a trembling jelly of approval while ensuring that the majority of record buyers keep Camper Van Beethoven have few musical qualities that could easily be categorized. They are, roughly speaking, a Californian equivalent of those Australian art-rock divinities, the Triffids, but there is a much more forceful side to chief Camper Dennis Lowery than any-

thing the Triffids' David McComb has ever put on public display.

Despite some splashes of country steel guitar on "Sweethearts" and the big plains ambience of "Borderline" with its frayed harmonica embellishments, the mood of Key Lime Pie is dictated by the sombre tones of Morgan Fichter's violin. There is a haunting, melancholy quality to her playing that makes "June" with its military snare drum figure, sound functeal, and adds a weird, surreal grace to "All her Favourite Fruit", a song which reminds me of the grittiest moments of early Fairport Convention.

Lowery claims that their version of Status Quo's psychedelic bubblegum ode "Pictures of Matchstick Men" is intended as a joke, but it is far superior to the original. Again it is the violin which dominates, making perfect sense of the scratchy, three-note instrumental motif for which the song is best remembered.

Jack Bruce: A Quantion of (Epic 465892 1)

As Eric Clapton winds up his 18night residency at the Royal Albert Hall, his old bass-playing buddy from Cream is trying with mixed results to recreate the masic of long gone days. Stalwart lyricist Pete Brown is on hand, and even drummer Ginger Baker turns up on a couple of tracks, adding his two ha'pennyworth to the dense percussive undergrowth of "Hey Now Princess" and clobbering his way through the neo-"Sunshine of Your Love" rifferama of "Obsession". Other star guests include guitarists Allan Hokisworth and Vernon Reid of Living Colour.



The Havalines: stadium sound doused with ecologically-caring lyrics

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by Drivid Sincials, Drivid Toop and Rose Rouse LOS LEONES DE LA SIETAA: WITH IN LOG LECINES DE LA SERVA: With a mixture of guitare and violinia, this eight-plese band from Maxico represents a style known as Huspengo Trova. They are led by Guillermo Velazquez, a song-writer with a reputation for being a Mexican Woodle Guithria. Romae Sootte, Frith Sures, London, W1 (01-439 0747), Sunday, 8pm, 28.

A CHUY CALLED CHERALD: This Manunian wizard of the craim machine and sampler has had his fair shere of problems since "Yoo Doo Ray" was a hit test year. A new record deal will sarely help him fulfil his potential. Brunel University, Cleveland Road, Uxbridge (0895 39125), Sunday, 6.30pm, £8.

EW JERSEY MATHS CHORE Whetever your religious beliefs, gosp shows by visiting Americans have an uncanny ability to raise a lump in the throat by the sheer force of emotion which they project. This experienced choir is likely to prove no exception. Dominion Theatre, Totterham Court Road, London, W1, (01-580 9562), tomorrow, 7.30pm, £8 and £12.

THE HAVALINAS: Positived rock band

The Borderline, off Charing Cross Road, London, WC2 (01-497 2261), today, Spm, £5.

new album, A Glided Elemity, is an utterly formless assemblage of grungy guttar riffs, battened down by a clamicy overloaded base and colcumed by the merest hint of an airy vocal.

Queens Hall, Morley Street, Bradford (0274 982/12), tonight, 7pm, £4-£5.

Leadmill, Leadmill Road, Sheffield (0742 754500), Saturday, 8.30pm, £2.50-£3, Junction 10, Bentiey Road North, Waissall (0922 648100), Sunday, 7pm, £4. Bierkeiler, All Saints Street, Bristol (0272 258514), Monday, 7.30m, £5.

(UZZ 200514), MORRIN, 7.30pm, 25.

BNDLATE: After a promising debut at No.32, their "Sleep With Me" single drops back this week, but their aggressive noise stence continues to get them place trade over the music press. Leads Polytechnic, Woodhouss Lune (0532 430171), tonight, 8pm, 24.50 Nottingham Polytechnic (0602 476725), Sunday, 7.30pm, 24.50 Network, Tolicross, Edinburgh (031 226 7010), Monday, 7.50pm, 25.50

DEL AMITTIL: After testering on the brink of success for so long, the Glaswegian four-piece has deservedly branched the Top 20 with the untypically restrained single "Nothing Ever Happens".
Nottingham Polytechnic, Nottingham (0602 476725), tonight, 7,30pm, 23,50 Coventry Polytechnic, Priory Street (0203 831313), Saturday, 7,30pm, 23,50 Biarteller, All Saints Street, Brissol (0272 285141, Sanutay, 7,90pm, 24,50 Biarteller, All Saints Street, Brissol (0272 285141, Sanutay, 7,90pm, 24,50)

Rap music is shedding its old ghetto image of drugs, guns and sexism, reports David Toop

The blighted hopes of blip culture

dramatic, unbelievable stories, but one of the greatest fairy-tales of them all is the history of rap. In February, six years ago, I had just returned from New York with a begin the first chapter of a book called The Rap Attack. Convinced as I was that the creative phase of rap was over, 1984 seemed the year for a definitive overview.

The revision of my thesis began as I sat in a Manhattan recording studio and watched one of the most prominent rap groups of the period recording songs for a feature film called Beat Street. Rap was invelgling its way into the mainstream, and entering one of its periodic phases of renewal.

The origins of rap are obscure. It began during the latter half of the 1970s, its chief exponent a Jamaican-born disc jockey called Kool Here from the South Bronx. The grand concourses and burnt-out buildings in this predominantly black and Hispanic borough epito-mize the blighted hopes of race relations in America. Below the Broax is Hariem, full of rich history but now a disaster zone with a lower life expectancy for young black males than that of Bangladesh.

In these areas, rap gestated until 1979, finally breaking out of a circuit of private parties and local clubs with the release of a handful of records. Those first rap singles, all issued on small independent labels, profoundly affected the music industry. They also changed our conception of the means by which music can be made.

Rap pioneered the idea of making music through the creative abuse of record turntables, vintage vinyl, drum machines and digital lers. The rhythmic monologue which was recorded over this tage harks back to pre-slavery African and African-American

But the concoction appealed to intellectuals, who saw rap as the supreme expression of post-mod-ernism, creative retro, televisioninspired blip-culture and goodness knows what else. For young blacks it was also an opportunity to participate in that elusive Ameri-

As it turned out, 1984 was a lenges the musical and lyrical form



critical year for rap. Hollywood dabbled with a few rap mu breakdancing became a worldwide fad and groups like Run-D.M.C. recorded hits which made so concessions to the white pop-market. Rap became the voice, and in a sense the stigma, of the young black male. With drug abuse soaring in America's cities, poor areas became virtual war zones and rap was the soundtrack.

In consequence, much of the best rap produced between 1985 and 1988 was ignored by outsiders. Serious, witty, innovative acts like Run-D.M.C. and Eric B. & Rakim became tainted by the expectation of alienating violence and misegyny. But over the last few years the claustrophobic air of guns, drugs, sexism and self-aggrandisement has begun to clear. Rap is losing its image as the unwelcome noise made by a racial underclass.

Rap acts such as The Jungle Brothers, De La Sonl, X-Clau, Queen Latisah, Digital Underand, A Tribe Called Quest, Divine Styler, DJ Jazzy Jeff and Fresh Prince and Lakim Shahazz have produced music which chalof popular music. Their records have deployed dense overlays and juxtupositions of sound, some new. some stolen from the past, with lyrics that reveal a strong, positive dentity. Stereotypes are attacked with a philosophy which looks to Africa, to Islam, to feminism and mysticism, in the desperate search for a self-image which can stand up against the plague of drugs and

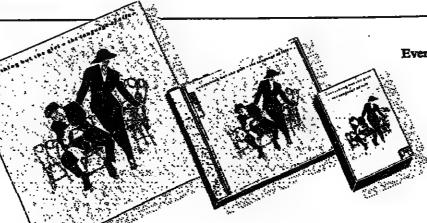
The American Secretary of Health and Housen Services recently suggested that "the you black American male is a spe in danger". In the light of such rap has more hanging on its Having sastained itself and grown as on art form and a benin the last 15 years, it must now bear the burden of being a sign of hope.



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FILMS

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BLACK RAIN (18): Crime story by director Ridley Scott about a hardboiled New York cop purauting a Japanese gangeter through Osaka With Andy Garcia and Ken Tekskure (125 min). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. Late Fri and Sat 11.00.

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CASUALTIES OF WAR (18): American atroction in Vietnam, viewed thoughtfully by director Brian De Palma, with Michael J Fox as the soldier standing apart from the brutal antics of Sean Penn (114 min).

Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 8.40. Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.00. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 12.55, 3.25, 6.05, 6.35.

A DRY WHITE SEASON (15): Powerful apartheid thriller (from André Brink's novel), with Donald Sutherland as a mild

schoolsacher whose conscience is finally samed. Directed by Euzhan Palcy; with a juicy cameo from Marion Brando (108 min).
Caznon Chelnes (01-351 1026). Progs 1.35, 4.15, 7.15, 9.40.
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JESUS OF MONTREAL (18): An stesses or mon real (1857 An updated version of a Pession Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained satirical fireworks from Denys Arcand, Canadian director of The Decline of the American Empire (120

Lumiere (01-836 0891). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Camden Piezz (01-486 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 8.05, 8.40. Gate (01-727 4043). Progs 1.15, 3.46, 8.15, 8.45.

A LAST EXIT TO BROOKLYN (18): Raw, powerful version of Hubert S Jr's once-controversial novel of Brooldyn life, from the director of Christians F, Uirich Edel. With Ste Long, Jermiler Jason Leigh (102 min), Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-836 5148). Props 2.2, 5.45, 8.30. Odeon Kereington (01-602 8644). Progs 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, Odeon Swiss Correction (Co. 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50, Odeon Swiss Correction (Co. 1.20, 8.50 Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.10, 3.40, 6.00, 8.40, Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Progs 2.80, 5.05, 7.25, 9.15.

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SHRLEY VALENTINE (15): Warm-hearted film with the popular touch; Pauline Collins repeats her stage role as the Liverpool housewife rediscovering romance (109 min). & Casnon Futhern Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2 10, 6 10, 9.20. Pleza (01-200 0200). Progs 1.15, 9.45, 6.15, 8.45,

IF TURNER AND HOOCH (PG): Predictable cop-end-dog entics given some charm by Tom Hanks as the police investigator (90 min). Cannon Chelses (01-352 5096). Progs 1 45, 4 10, 7 10, 9 40. Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 12:50 3 30, 6 10. Warmer West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1:40, 4:05, 6:25, 8:45.

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& SLOOD SHOTNESS: Way Russel's destroyed by the English class system; Kid Dee as their mother.

Albert Theetre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115). Tube: Lalcester Square, Mon-Sat 7-45-10.45pm, mats Thura 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, 26.90-218.50. (0) ANANGOVER SCHARE: Adaptation of Patrick resistant's medicine three set on the eve of the Second World War, with two actresses playing the role of

war two acrosses paying the role of Win historia. Lyric Studio Theetre, King St, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Open touight 7pm, then Mon-Sat 8pm, met Set 4.30pm, 28. & A LIFE IN THE THEATRE Common Bod and Served Ween in Manner's study of an old actor and his ambitious juntor: the players stronger than the

play. Strand Theatre, Aldwych, WC2 (01-836 2660). Tube: Covert Garden, Tube-Sat 8pm, mats Thurs, Sat and Sun 4.30pm, 29-216.50.

☆ MA RAINEY'S BLACK BOTTON: August Wilson's play about black musicians being ripped off in 1927 Chicago transfers from the National Theatre for a two-week season. Hackney Empire, 291 Mars St, 58 (01-965 2424). Train: Hackney Central (SR). Last right tonight 7.30pm, 17-410.

WY NEART'S A SUITCASE FIRM Burber in Clere McIntyre's new play tries to sort her life out on a Brighton

holicey.

Royal Court Theetre, Sicene Sq. SW1
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Previews until Mon Spm. Opens Tuee
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VIDEO REXTALS

Hard-baked roots-rock



Howe Gelb once likened his group Giant Sand (above) to a neighbourhood where "all its members are constantly moving in and moving out and renting their space and sometimes it's crowded and other times space and sometimes it's crowded and other times there's hardly anybody home". Currently on board for the group's tour of England, which starts today, is drummer John Convertino, bassist Mark Walton (ex-Dream Syndicate) and keyboardist Chris Cacavas (ex-Green On Red and leader of the Junk Yard Angels); and of course the original "Thin Line-Man", palarist and recall to the homest Grint Sand's forter. is a hard-baked variant of garage roots-rock with a nightmarish sting in its tail. Their approach is redolent of Captain Beefheart's and albums, such as

r PRIN: Last performances by Shelia Hancock as a rude, snobbish, autocratic college principal with principles you have to admine. Closes tomorrow. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3685). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Set 8.15-10.45pm, mat Sat 4.30-7pm, 25-216.

OUT OF TOWN

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Sindarby Wenderen Won the FA Cup:
Stage version of J.L. Cerr's touchingly
furnry novel.
Themses Thesere, Church Streen (1372
377677), Mon-Wed 7.30pm, Thurs-Sat
Spm, 55-62.

Sean Baker in Philide Lloyd's directorial dibut here: a Mobile Theatre production, touring Iron March. Royal Exchange Theatre, St Ann's Square (061 833 9833), Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Set Spm, 23.50-613.

PLYMOUTH: ** Single Spice: Anna Cartaret, Neil Stacy and David Horovito in touring production of Alan Senneti's Eurgess/Blunt double-bill. Theatre Royal, The Drum (0752 669595), Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, 26.50-£10.50.

CONCERTS

TODAY

A BIRININGHAM BRAHME Cho-Lieng Lin is the soloist in Bruhme's Violin Concerto with the CBSO under Ese-Petika Salamen, this being followed by Schoenberg's Pedies und Mélisande. Berbican Centre, Silk St., London EC2 (01-638 8691), 7.15pm, 24.50-218.80.

NATWEST PLEASURE: In the NatWest Classics for Pleasure series Serge Beudo conducts the LPO in Bioch's rhapsodic Schelomo (Ofra Harnoy, cello), Rimsky-Korsekov's Schelorazade and the Sea Interfudes from Britten's Peter Grimes, Pestival Hatt, South Bank, London 8E1 (01-528 8900), 7.30pm, 25.

r GERHARD OPPITZ: This planiet continues his all-Brahms series with the Sonata Op 1, Variations Op 9, Balladae Op 10, Variations Op 21 Nos 1 and 2. Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, 24-27.

rk CAPITAL CONCERT: The Capital Virtuosos perform Bartók's Divertimento, Finzi's Eclogue, Purcell's Chaconne in G minor, Delius's Air and Dance, Grainger's Handel in the Strand and Mozart's Piano Concerto K 413.

the new Long Stem Rant, tend to be written and recorded in feverish bursts of largely improvisational activity. Their live performances will no doubt seek to push the beat out still further. There is nothing expect but the unexpected. Tonight, Boardwalk, Little Peter Street, Manchester (061 228 3555); tomorrow, Sheffield University (0742 724076); Sun, Burberrys, Sheffield University (0742 724076); Sun, Burberrys, Birmingham (021 643 1500); Mon, Duchess of York, Leeds (0532 453929); Tues, Subterants, Landon W10 (01-961 5490); Wed, Sussex University (0273 678555); Thurs, Joiners Arms, Southampton (0703 225612); Fri Feb 16, Co-op Hall, Oxford; Sat Feb 17, After Durk, Beating (0724 5800.00) After Dark, Reading (0734 580949).

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51 John's, Smith Sq. London SW1 (01- 222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£8. * BERLIN OBOES: The Berlin Oboe Quartet performs oboe quarters by Starritz, Mozart, Britten, Colin Matthews, Schubert's String Trio D 471 and Villa-Lobos's Bachisnas Brasileirae No 5. Percell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 8pm, 23.50-27,50.

TOMORROW

th BORELLAN DORLIS: In confirming the Bohemian Festival the Dorras wasentile presents Dvoláti s Plano Quartet Op 87, Suk's Quartet Op 1 and Hertini's Queriet of 1942 Higmore Hell, 7.30pm, 64-67.

th JAPITER, FIGARO: Maran Brabbins conducts the BCO in Mozan's Nozan d Figaro Overure, Symphony No 41 "Jupiter", Piano Concerto K 487. Berbican Centre, 8-10pm, 27-50-216.50.

SUNDAY

the ALPINE ARTOCANCE: The RPO tender Viadinty Astricenszy continues the "Arrogant Gentus" Strauss festival with his Alpine Symphony and Obos Concerto (soloist, Heinz Hoffiger). To these are appended the Adagio of Mahler's Symphony No 10.

Festival Hall, 7.30pm, 24.50-220.

★ SUSTABLED BRUCKNER: After Peter Donotoe has solved in Schumann's Plano Concerto Stantese Stromszewski conducts the Hall Orchestre in Bruckner's langthy Symphony No 3. Berbican Centre, 7.30-9.30pm, £4-£15.

- OPERA

A THE MERRY WIDOW: A new production by Wilfred Judd starts Opera 80's tenth anniversary nationwide tour. Stephen Bartow conducts the young travelling cost with Heather Lorimer as the widow and Richard Helton as Danio. Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793 824481), 7.30-10pm, £7 and £9. indon (0798

- --- ROCK

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O THE BLUE AGROPLANES: Brings voterans of the Independent scene, now enjoying a tass of major tabel success with their superb "Jacket Hange" single (No.83 with a bullet).

Powerhaus, 1 Liverpool Rd, London N1 (01-837 3218) 7.30pm, 25. A THE GODFATHERS: Their journey to the middle ranks of rock has turned into a long haul indeed, and new guitarist Chris Burrows now replaces the ideasted Kris Dollmorn.
International 2, 210 Phymouth Grown, Manchesser (061 236 2577), sonight.
Brun. P.T.

5pm, 20. Humaningbird, Dale End. 69minghum (021 238 4238), tomorrow 7.30pm, Lelcoster University, University Road (0533 556282), Sun 7,30pm, 25.

TOMORROW

A VAN MORRISON: "Whatever God Shines his Light", a duet with Cliff Richard, was his first Top 40 hit eince the bad old days with Tham. Empire, Lime St. Liverpool (081 709 1555), tonight 7.30pm, 25.50-58. Apptia, Audwick Green, Manchester (061 273 3775), tomorrow 7.30pm, 28.50.

JAZZ - MARK

TODAY

A YANK LAWSONE A co-lander of The World's Greatest Jazz Band, the Bob Crosby trumpeter is still going strong at 79. Guest appearances from Dave Shepherd (tonight) and Bruce Turner homorrow).
Picza Express, 10 Dean St, London Will (UI-439 6722), toright and tomorrow, 9.30pm, 26.

& TOWNY SMITH: The susters, Beridae-trained saxophonist appears opposite the John Res Collective.

The Emperor Napoleon's silver-gilt tableware (right) forms part of the loan exhibition by the National Art Collections Fund at this year's

International Silver and Jewellery fair at the Park Lane Hotel in London (see Other Events). Now in its sixth year, the fair has now established itself as the world's leading event of its kind and is attended by both British and international specialist dealers. A series of accompanying lectures by expert academics will be available to interested visitors.



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TALKS

Queen's Hell, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031 668 2019), 8.30pm, 26.50.

FAYYAZ VIRJI: Opening date of a

tour by the Jazz Warriors trombonist, at the head of a versatile crossover hand. South Holland Centre, Market Place, Spaiding (0775 725031), 8pm, 23. Also Harlequin Theatre, Redhill, Surrey (0737 765547), Sun.

☆ CAROL GRIMES: Another mellow set

from the veteran blues-jazz singer. HQ Restaurant, Camden Lock, London NW1 (01-485 6044), 10.30pm, 25.

SUNDAY

★ MINE GENER: A rere concert by the composer's big band, issueching a series

Half Moon Thearn, 213 Mile End Rd, London E1 (01-790 4000), 8.30pm, 26.

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th CLERRUL AQ: New work by Ashing

Page to Orlando Gough's music for furnitude to Orlando Company, with others by Curningham, Davies and Tetley. Theset Caryat, Mold (0352 55114), soot and tomorrow 8pm, 26.50, 28.50.

☆ TRANSFIGURED NIGHT: London

T Indestrigated winders: Eurobic City Ballet in Frank Staff's dramatic work to Schoenberg's music, with Graduation Ball and Autora's Wedding. The Hexagon, Queen's Walk, Reading (0734 390123), today 7.30pm, tomorrow 2pm and 7.30pm, 27.50-210.50.

GALLERIES

CILLUGIE HORSFIELD: Works on paper

photographers around. Frith Street Gallery, 60 Frith St., London W1 (01-494 1550), Tues-Fri 10am-8pm, Set 11am-4pm, free, until March 17,

the impressionist painter.
The Burrell Collection, 2060
Polioishewes Rd, Glasgow (041 649
7151), Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2-5pm,
until Feb 25.

ANA MARIA PACHECHO: Bizarre painters and sculptures of figures with toll-like faces and sinister expressions by a Brazilian artist. Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield St (0902 312032), Mon-Sat 10am-Spm, free, until Merch 3.

McFadyen and Lucy Jones are among 15 painters who depict aspects of city

Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, Middlesbrough (0642 225408), Tues-Set noon-7pm, free, until Feb 24.

THE WORK OF ANGELS: Masterpleces of Celtic metalwork 6th-9th centuries AD, including church vessels, brooches

and reliqueries.

British Atuseum, Great Russell St,
London WC1 (01-636 1555), Mon-Sat
10am-Spm, Sun 2.30-8pm, 22, until April

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TOMORROW

THE SHETLOCK HOLDES TRAIL OF

MYSTERY: Meet Baker Street tube, 10.30am, £3.50 (01-987 4281).

THE LACK THE REPPER BURDER TRAIL: Meet Whitechapel lube, 7pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

SUNDAY

MICTURESQUE HAMPSTEAD VILLAGE

AND PARLIAMENT: Mac Wester tube, 11am, 23.50 (01-668 4019).

THE SUBJECTIVE CITY: Jock

by one of the more challenging

DEGAS: MAGES OF WOMEN: Laundresses, prostitutes and society people are among those observed by

of monthly sats.

TOMORROW .

GALLERY LECTURE: Techniques in 18th century portraiture, by Simone Mathews. Mathemal Portrait Gullery, Floom 6, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), 1.10pm, tree.

MUSEUM LECTURIE: Ouncan Land ballo on the archaeology and environmental from 52/63 London Wall. Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2, 1.10pm, Iree.

OTHER EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL SILVER AND JEWELLERY FAIR: See picture, below The ware Lane Motel, Piccastly, London W1. Until Feb 12, today, tomorrow, San 11am-8pm, Mon 11am-8pm. Admission 25. No children under live. First lecture £10, each subsequent lecture £7. ROAD RACING AND SUPERBIKE

ROAD RACING AND SUPERBIKE SHOW: Displays of all the latest racing motorcycles, accessones plus trade stands and guest appearances by lamous racing personalities.

Alexandra Palace, Wood Green, London N22. Unit Feb 11. Today 10am-6pm, tomorrow, Sun Sam-6pm. Adult £3.50, child £1.50.

SWGNIG IN THE RAIN POREST: TO coincide with the current major exhibition of coincide the major exhibition of coinformat implied art, mounted by Uning Earth, a series of short plays exploring the themes of tropical rainforests by The Tie Break Theatre Company. The 15-minute long plays are a blend of music, mime and text.

Hatural History Museum, Cromwell Rd, London SW7. Today, tomorrow and Sun at regular intervels from 11 am-3pm, Museum admission adult 22.50, child

UNITED KINGDOM AND EUROPEAN INDOOR TUG-OF-WAR CHAMPONSHIPS Cleagow plays host to the event with teams from Sociand, Wales, England, the Republic of freland, Jersey, Guernsey, France, Germany, Switzertand, Holland, Spain, Italy and Sweden taiding ourt. Sweden taking part. Newto Hall International Speris Arene, Glasgow. Today, tomorrow from 10em-Spm. Adult £2, child £1,

opm. Adult £2, Child £1,
ANTIQUE FAIRS: In London, Sunday, et the Royel Horticultural Society Hells, Vincent Square, London SW1 and at Kenaington Palace, Thietie Hotel, De Vere Gardens, London WB. Out of London, today, tomorrow and Sunday in Harrogate, the Crown Hotel and the Old Swan Hotel; at Stafford, Bingley Hell, County Showground, Also a caranics fair at Oatlands Park Hotel, Weythridge, Tomorrow and Sunday, a big fair at the Rowley Mile Racecourse, Newstarket.

BOOKINGS FIRST CHANCE

bouth saurk in MARCH: Highligh include David Glass Minne Ensemble; poetry for St David's Day with Welsh poets; Vienna Boys Choir: London Chiese Orchestra; and RPO in St John Barbirolli concert. Also Rodgers and Hammerstein gala, Ian Botham would, Vivaldi Festival, Bach birthday celebration, and Django Reinhardt mniversary concert. enniversary concert, South Benk Concert Hells, London SEI (01-928 8800). General booking now

Janacek opera, Glyndebourne Festival production. April 17. Soloists include Fright Langridge, Reberts Alexander and Anja Site.

Varyal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800).

LAST CHANCE

JACK SMITH: Work of designer for Ballet Ends Sun. Rowers East, Richmond Rd, London 68 (01-985 3333).

ENGLISH ANY 1925-50: Phintings from the Watt Bequest, including Christopher Wood, William Roberts and Stanley Spencer, Ends Fri. Scottish National Gallery of Modern

Art, Bedford Rd, Edinburgh (03) 566

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rack: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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Not so long ago you would have been able to count the world's women film directors on the fingers of one hand and probably have a finger or two over. Now you need at least the fingers of both hands. Although that are still some hands. Although they are still rare enough to be commented on, women directors are starting to have an impact. Many of these trail-blazers are interviewed in Calling the Shots (Channel 4, 11.30pm), a feature-length documentary by Janis Cole and Holly Dale, two



Breaching a male preserve: Agnes Varda, the French film director (Ch4, 11.30pm) Canadians. Eschewing a commentary, Cole and Dale make little attempt to impose a pattern on their material beyond roughly grouping it under such themes as how the women became directors, the obstacles they encountered and their credos as artists. Given this approach it is difficult to draw neat conclusions, although this is not nec-essarily a drawback. The experiences and outlook of the older Continental directors, such as Mai Zetterling, Jeanne Moreau and Agnes Varda, are not those of the younger Americans, Susan Seidelman and Penelope Spheeris. That the subject needs to be raised at all is justification enough. In another decade or two, perhaps, there will be enough women behind the camera for it to be no longer an issue. And Channel 4 will not feel itself obliged to put on seasons of films by women, as it is from next week. Donna Deitch's Desert Hearts is the first of 28 features, many of them being shown on television for the first time. Meanwhile, Cole and Dale have assembled valuable first-hand accounts from articulate and determined women who are at last beginning to breach a male

 The latest offering from the Survival Special stable, The Desert and the Deep Blue Sea (ITV, 8.00pm) visits the coast of Mauritania in West Africa. In <u>common with the conventions of natural</u> history documentaries, this one has a wildlife-in-danger message, although for once, the villain is not necessarily human. Unless, that is, the 16-year absence of rain on the Sahara Desert can be traced back to the destruction of forests. But the propaganda takes second place to the photography, brilliant even by the high standards of the genre. Among the more striking of many memorable images captured by David Shale's camera are crabs feeding themselves with a single paw, spoonbills fighting over material for their nests and the flamboyant courtship rituals of the

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Richard Briers (r) 10.55 Five to Eleven. Catherine Griller with a reading 11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Today Jayne Irving and Earnorn Holmes are joined by American reporter, Eleine Lipworth.

12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live presented by Alan Trichmarsh and Judi Spiers.

Today's edition includes Simon Potter with this week's gossip from the world of showbiz 12.55 Regional news and weather

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.30 Neighbours. Madge finds she has something in common with Harold. (Ceefax)

1.50 Film: Penny Serenade (1941, b/w) starring Cary Grant and Irene Dunne. Emotional drama about a couple who go through heaven and hell in their struggle to adopt a baby, after their own is still-born. Directed by George Stevens

3.50 Is That a Fact? An Investigation into the legend of Robin Hood 4.05 Jacksmery. Michael Williams with part five of Alison Prince's How's Business 4.25 New Yogi Bear Show 4.30 Coppers and Co, with David Copperfield (r)

5.00 Newsround Extra. Roger Firm reports on a group of children who have taken the anti-smoking campalign into their own hands and launched Smokebusters — a project that is now nationwide 5.10 Grange Hill. Episode 12. (Ceefax)

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demands that her husband choses between her and the army. (Oracle) 1.00 Survival Species Tim Desert and the Deep Blue See. (Oracle) (see Choice)
1.00 Social The trust episods of the drama starring Art Malik and Cheryl Prime. Ten years after being taken to live in Pakisten, Yasmin and Bobby return to London to visit their mother. (Oracle)
10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall and Julia Somerville. Weather 10.35
LWT Here and weather
10.40 The London Programme.
Tonight's edition examines the controversy surrounding the Ilconsing of mimicabe in the capital
11.10 Beauty and the Beast. Cathy investigates the case of a mysterious man/beast who is attacking anyway criminals
12.05ee the field. With Children. After Al and Peggy have a row he decides to teach her a lesson by not coming home

coming home
12.35 William Tell. Tell is captured by
Eleanor, one of a group of
mercenaries, but fortunately her ather turns out to be an old friend of

1.00 The James Whale Redio Choes, James Whale hosts prother edition of talenteon's controversial phone-in show 2.00 CinemAttractions. From Catematractions. From Hollywood, Steve March with the films currently drawing the crowds in the USA, plue movie news and a look at the best of the

2.30 The CARE Concert. Charity concert in support of Conservation Aid for Rainforests and Elephants, held in the Piece Hell, Hairlax, last August. Feetured in the first of three programmes take from the concert are Stave
Harley, Edwin Starr, Varille Sound
Corps, George Borowski and the
Real Sounds of Africa.
3.36 Ski Tipe. More advice from the

3.30 Ski Tipe. More advice from the experts.
4.60 Ski World. Information for all those who are planning to take advantage of the snow that has finally arrived on the Continent
4.30 Crusade in Europe. This week's programme looks at the historic meeting in Casablanca of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which ended in the announcement of the "unconditional surrender" of Nazi Germany
5.60 ITN Morning News with Richard Beth. Ends at 6.00

4.45 Open University: The Planet Earth

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real life
2.00 News and weather followed by a
series for the very young 2.15
Weekend Outlook (r)
2.20 Sport on Friday. Quester-final
action in the Benson and Hedges
Masters. Plus news of the day's
other partition action.

Masters. Plus news of the day's other sporting action. News and weather at 3.00 and 3.50
4.00 International Socioler. The Benson and Hedges Masters
5.00 Clean State includes a report on the growing level of alcohol consumption among teenagers
5.30 Food and Dirtik (r)
6.00 Film: The Outcast (1954) starring John Derek. Western adventure about a man who hires a gang to help him average the wrong-doings of an uncle. Directed by William Whitney

7.30 Visions Dr Zaki Badewi.

7.30 Visions. Dr Zald Badewi, chairman of the imams and Mosques Council, talks about muticultural Britain in the 1990s. (London only) 8.00 Public Eye: Targeting the Generals. An investigation into cover police operations against footbell hooligans 8.30 Pirat Time Planting. (Ceefax) 9.00 Coller's Sandwich. Comedy series starring Mel Smith (Ceefax) 9.30 Arena: Roberto Rossellini. A profile of the celebrated Italian film director.

director

10.30 Newsnight 11.15 Weather

11.20 Film: Death in Venice (1971)
starring Dirk Bogarde, Bjorn
Andresen and Silvana Mangano.
Adaptation of Thomas Mann's novel about a German composer who falls in love with an angelic-locking 14-year-old Polish boy. Directed by Luchino Visconti (Ceetax). Ends at 20.000.

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business news service introduced by Damien Green
1.00 Sesame Street. Pre-echool learning series

1.00 Seaame Street. Pre-school learning series
2.00 Reaching Agreement. Open College series dealing with communication skills (r). (Oracle)
2.30 North and South Book II. Opening episode in a drams seriel following the fortunes of two families in the years leading up to the American Civil War. Starring Patrick Swayze, Lasley-Anne Down and James Read (r)

4.15 Novie Blueeum (b/w). Rudolph Valentino with Vilma Banky and Louise Dresser
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger is Elaine Newcombe, a housewife from Bristol
5.00 I Love Lucy (b/w). Vintage comedy series starring Lucille Ball
5.30 Information Technology. Part six — interactive video (f)

- interactive video (r)

6.00 Scott. Dawn French samples New York fare (r)

6.30 Mork and Mindy. Comedy series starring Robin Williams and Pam Dawber

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zelpah Redwal

7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeirab Badawi
7.55 Book Choice. Humphrey
Carpenter, biographer of Auden and Tolkien, reviews A. N. Wilson's biography of C. S. Lewis. (Oracle)
8.00 The Great Mogaula. In part two of his series Bamber Gascolgne focuses on Akber who was aged 13 when crowned Emperor
8.30 Walfide Tallide. Murial Gray in conversation with Norman Tebbit
9.00 Cheers. Comedy series set in a Boston bar
8.36 World of Herbs. Part four — skirrett, radish and garlic. (Oracle)
10.00 Whose Line is it Anyway? Off-the-cuff comedy series
19.36 One Hour with Jonathan Ross and Lloyd Cole, Sadie Nine.
Armistead Maupin, Cusen Bee and Shelich Michael Taylor
11.30 Film: Calling the Shots (1988)
(see Choice)
12.55amt Twilight Zone: The Jeoperdy Room. A tale of the supernatural.

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Beaver 8.00 Sky Star Search 6.00 The
New Price is Right 6.30 Sale of the Century
7.00 Back Sheep Squadron 6.00
Riptide 9.00 Hunter 10.00 All-American
Wrestling 11.00 Sky News 11.30 The
Deadly Ernest Picture Show

News on the hour.

5.30 European Business Channel 6.00 international Business Channel 6.00 international Business Report 10.30 Frank Bough 11.30 International Business Report 1.30 September 2.15 Parliament 4.30 NBC Today 5.00 Live At Five 6.30 Beyond 2000 7.30 The Reporters 8.30 Frank Bough This Week 8.30 Newsline 10.30 The Reporters 11.30 NBC Newsline 2.30 The Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newsline Reporters 3.30 Frank Bough 4.30 Newsline

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Romantic comedy set in Paris and Venice 4.00 The Lady Venice (1979):
Remake of Alfred Hitchcock's 1635 cassis, 6.00 Police Academy 5: Assignment Man Deech (1988): The police squad become involved with a gang of jewel thiswes

7.40 Entertainment Tonight 8.00 The Long Journey Home (1987): A husband returns home from the Vietnam husband returns home from the Vielnam War after 10 years to find his wife engaged to another man 9.40 ft The Plotures Chrons proview 10.00 Walt Street (1987): A young dealer is caught up in the world of insider dealing. With Michael Douglas and Charle Sheer 14.4 fee Sairon (1988): William Defoe

12.15am Saigon (1988): Willem Dafoe heads an investigation into the murders of prostitutes in Saigon during the Vietnem

War
2.00 The Deliberate Stranger - Part
Two (1986): The true story of mass murderer
Ted Bundy
4.00 The Coston Club (1984): Violence
and love in the clubs of 1930s Hartern, With
Richard Gere, Ends at 6.00cm

EUROSPORT

B.Down As Sky One 8.30 Menu 8.00 Baskettell 11.00 Football 1,00per Golf: Jamaica Classic 2.00 Badminton 3.00 Golf: US Sidns Game 5.00 Basketball 7.00 WWF Prime Time Wrestling \$.00 Ford Ski Report 10.00 Happy Birthday Eurosport 12.00 Darts: Embassy World Saries

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Pat Stereo and Braw
News on the half-hour from
\$.30am until 4.30am, then \$1
7.30, 8.30 and 10.00pm
\$.00am Jekki Brambles 6.30
Simon Mayo 9.30 Simon Bates
12.30am Newsbeat 12.45
Gary Device 2.00 Steve Wright in
the Afternoon 5.30 News 30
8.00 Singled Out 7.30 July
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Friday Rock Show 12.00 The Mary
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2.00am The Rankin' Miss P

RADIO 2

News on the hour (cooker 8.00pms)
Headlines 5.30mm, 6.30,
7.30, 8.30
4.30mm Alex Lester 5.30
Chris Suart 7.30 Deret Jameson 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.00 Jimmy
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Gloria Hunsflord 3.30 Adrian
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Friday Night is Music Night 9.30
The Organist Entertains 10.00
The Golden Years 16.33 In
Actor's Life for Me (new series)
11.05 Billy Butter 1.00mm
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WORLD SERVICE

German: Headlines in English and French 5-47 Sports News 5.50 Frisancial News 5.55 Westher and Travel News 5.55 Westher and Travel News 5.55 Westher and Travel News 5.55 News 5.50 Frisancial News 5.55 News Summary and Francial News 3.08 Leastern Europe. The Fight from Commission 4.00 World News 9.00 World News 9.00 Fright 1.55 Music Review 9.00 World News 9.00 Review of the British News; Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven Seas 10.01 Foots on Feith 10.20 Gold and Silver 11.00 News 11.00 News 10.00 Review 2.00 World News 10.00 Review 2.00 News 11.00 News 10.00 Review 11.00 News 10.00 New

RADIO 3

P. Headings
7.09 Morning Concert: Durufié
(Danse lents: New
Philisamonité under Androw
Davis); Nielsen (Little Suite,
Op 1: Scottish Baroque
Ensemble under
L. Friedman)
7.30 News

7.36 Morning Concert (cont):
Mercadante (Flute Concerto
in D. English Chember
Oronsurs under Jean Farms
Rasneel, with Andrea
Griminal, fluti): Beller (Cul
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quirtani": Orchestra of the
Royal Opera House, Covent
Garder under Franceco
Mornan-Pradell, with Joan
Sutherland, soprano);
Respighi (Ballet suits,
Bellus, Cluson of Shaba:
Pull armonia under
Gaotiney Simon)
8.35 Composers of the Weetc
Haydn — Music of the
1780s. Variations in C, H
XVII 5 (Richard Burnett,
forteplano); Thio In F, H XV
17 (Peter-Lukas Graf, flute,
Claude Starck, cello, Jörg
Ewald Dähler, forteplano);
Symphony No 90 in C
(Orchestra of the 18th
Century under Frans
Brüggen)
9.35 Satires and Sansibilities:
Prokofiav (Pieno Concerto
No 1 in D flat LSO under
André Previn, with Vialiani
Ashkenazy, plano);
Snosskovich (Five Sasses,
Op 109: Jane Manning,
soprano, Neil immelman,
plano); Geoffrey Bush
(News from Witydah:
Andrew Ball and Julian
Jacobson, two planoes;
Mosolor (Four Newspeper
Announcements, Op 21);
Bach (Coffee Cantata, BWV
211: Friends of Apollo);
Buler (Zellung sussion mir),
Janáček (Shing Quartet No
2 "Intimate Latters": Hagen
Quartet; Elsler (Songs to
Texts by Bertolt Brecht);
Dohnanyl (Variations on a
Nursery Song: London
Philharmonic Orchestra
under Adrian Boult, with
Julius Katchen, plano)
12.10 pm BBC Concert Orchestra
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under Jistinsk performs
Saint-Saāns (Overture, La
Princess jaune); Sibelius
(Karelia Sulte); Rabaud
(Egioque "Poéme Virgilien",
Op 7); Dvořák (The NoonDny Witch)
1.80
1.85 Chamber Music from
Marchaert Live from
Studio 7. Allegri Bring

Cuertet, with Plan de Wast, plano, performs Teppert (Cuertet No. 1); Elger (Pearo Cuintet in A minor, Op 84)

2.45 Deniel Jones Symphonies: BBC Wellet Symphonies: BBC Wellet Symphony Orchestra under Bryder Thomson, led by Berry Heakey, performs Rimsky-Konuscov (Overture, May Night); Jones (Symphony No. 5)

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Let Christopher (Ma and Robert Ferguson, plano duet, perform Wagner (Potonaise in D); Schubert (Femasala in Finnorit; Fauré (Dolly Suite); Stravinsiry (File Sary Places); Pare Warlock, arr Tomlinson (Two Cod-Pieces: Bactroom's Bioge; The Old Codgo!

Let Songs wan Gulles: Larrym Dele, sopnano, Paul Gregory, guitar, perform Sor (Seis Secultaries bolives); Vise Lobos (Motonher, Ana "Bachianas brasiteiras No 5"); Rodrigo (Folias caruntes: Times Spentialis Songs) (r)

4.20 Czech Philhermonic under Vocav Neumann, with Yo Yo Ma, cello, performs Dvohik (Cello Compano in Bininor); Bestinoven (Symphony No 7 in A)

1.45 Sack to the Delas: Cartnettist Sandy Brown, comets! Alex Weish and Acker Bilk are among those musicians surveyed by Alyn Shiption, in the fourth of the programmes on the traditional jazz revival is Britain

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5.15 Tha Works

7.05 Third Ear. Richard Cork take to write Thanks

Outon about the sourcest of inspiration for her evocating imaging, as in exhibition of her new patients goes on show at the Mariborough Callery, London

7.30 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra larder Rudol/
Bershal, led by James
Clark, with Howard Shelley, plano, parforms Giffield (Overture, Ruslan and Luchnillat, Tchaitovstry (Fano Concerto No 1 is B that minot; Protofier (Scenes from Romao and Jurist)

5.00 The Friday Play: Critica' Choica, Joking Apart, by Alan Aychbourn (see Croles)

11.00 Composers of the Weste Alan Raysthome and Maricolin Wilsemson, Wilsemson (Violin Concerto); Rawsthome (Symphony No 3) (r)

12.00 Mows

3) (r) 12.00 News 12.05am Close

RADIO 4

Liff (a) Stereo on File

1.35 see Shipping Forecast 6.00

News Briefing: Weather

0.10 Familing Today 6.25

Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30

Today, with John Humphrys
and Sue MacGregor, ract

6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00,
8.30 News

1.30 News 8.35, 7.35

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1.05 Denert lalend Disce: Sue
Lewley with actress Samin
Miss (s) (r)

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consumers on 890

programmes and policy

10.30 News; Special Assignment

10.34 Deliy Service (s)

11.00 News; Special Assignment

10.34 Deliy Service (s)

11.00 News; Analysis: Look No
Armel Professor Leurence
Martin chairs a decursion
about the West's detence
policy in the face of the
changing world political
climate (r)

11.47 Enquire Written: Day Barlow
discovers why armmis wall,
in such strange ways

12.00 News; You and Young with
John Weite

12.25pen The Food Programme:
Derek Cooper examines the
growing market for weightreducing foods 12.55

Weather

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55

Shippin Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour:
introduced by Jenni Milis
from Bellisst. Wently Assim
talks to open singer
Heather Herper; a feature
on the place grees noted in
the folklore and mythology
of Internet, and Donald
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3.01 News; Clessic Serial, That Hildeous Sanardh by C.S. Lewis, Four-part dramatization by Stephen Mallatratt. With Kathyn Humburt as Jame Studdock and Andrew Whicott as Mark Studdock (2) (5)

4.00 News 4.05 AF in the Mind: Professor Anthony Clere with the magazine devoted to matters of the mind (r)

(RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle

• There is a tedious platitude most of us keep trotting out when we discuss the drama output of Aian Ayckbourn. and it goes something like this: just as you don't expect to fall about laughing simply because Chekhov calls some of his plays comedies, so you mustn't expect to split your sides because Ayckbourn fixes the same label to his theatre



Alun Ayckbours: dark fining in his silver clouds (R3, 9.00pm) pieces such as Joking Apart (Radio 3, 9.00pm). In any case, the title itself strikes a cautionary note, and the irony will not be lost on you that the contributes of laughter in the only bursts of laughter in the play (they come from the vicar's peculiar wife, played to perfection by Karen Drury) have nothing to do with joy and everything to do with drugs. In my opinion one of the best plays Ayckbourn has written, Joking Apart, having already divided the world into haves and have nots, adds insult to injury by saying, with the envious, that unto every-one that hath, shall be given. Further add to this the pessimistic philosophy that the tragedy of life is not that

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Tranquil times between the storms



Mrs Eleanor Gilbert with her son Jeremy, aged two, making slow progress towards their home in Marlow, Buckinghamshire. The weathermen are predicting more heavy rain tomorrow.

Ice and possibly anow are the next leasurds to face southern Britain after the wind and the floods.

As scores of home owners moppe up and made secure after (we days of gales and inundation, the London Weather Centre forecast plunging temperatures for the weeker

The weathermen are giving warnings of heavy rain tomorrow with ky conditions on Sunday and

ground, especially in the West and it will probably come as sleet lower down. With a frust at the weekend there should be some icy roads," a

The gales are expected to continue

in the North today, although they will not be as ferocious as the affecting the South and West earlier

A gust of 90mph was recorded at Sheerness in Kent yesterday, with another of 70mph at Heathrew The RAC patrolman who died

ear Andover, Hampshire, when a tree fell on his van as he engwered an emergency call, was named as Mr Simon Burks, aged 25, of Whit-church. He was due to marry Miss Sharon Peters next month. Her father said: "We were making plans for a wedding and now they have been swopped for plans for a funeral. My daughter is deventated, It's been

The BBC's weather warnings were "astonishingly inadequate", the Conservative MP for Beckenham, Sir Philip Goodhart, said yesterday. In a letter to the corporation's chairman, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, he called for forecasts and road

from his vehicle for neveral hours on cue services feared other trees could topple as them as they worked.

details after every radio news.

The RAC said: "Simon was doing a while from 1400 hours to 2300 hours and he was beading to his fourth job when it happened. We are desperately upset about it and offer our sincere condolences to his family

Hampshire police said: "The

stretch of road where he was killed is treacherous and police officers had to stand back for their own safety in case more trees came down."

The other victim of the latest gales, a power worker hit by a car as he worked on a fallen cable, was named as Mr Robert Beaven, aged 61, of Westbury, Wiltshire. He had worked for Southern Electricity for boost 40 years.

The winds left about 15,000 Southern Electricity customers without power. More than 2,000 homes in Somerset and Dorset were also left without power as trees brought wa electricity cables in the South

One Welch householder was doebly unlacky. Mr Wilf Joses, aged 53, of Sketty, West Glamorgan, had two 40ft trees crash through his roof, ust two weeks after another two had

een removed after the last storm. Serious flooding from the Welsh borders to the Thames Valley was expected to continue today as more heavy rain poured into already bursting rivers.

Red alerts were in force on the Wye and Avon in Hereford and Worcester, the upper reaches of the Wye and the Severn in mid-Wales and Shropshire, and the 60-mile stretch of the Thames between Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and Teddirection, south-west Landon.

Officials from the National Rivers

officers gave out a warning for a wrong area of the city.

Authority are to discuss public flood alerts with police in Cardiff after

thought he thought already.

Political sketch

Searching for the source of life

The Human Fertilization and Life, said Lord Rawlinson. Embryology Bill is before the was like a great river, rising

House of Lords. astonished faces of the cream and you make an argument of Port Stanley society as against contraception. Julian told an impromptu edy of the salmon" he growled, waving a brandy-glass, "is that the gentleman

salmon never meets the lady salmon. It is as if Sir Rex was to spend Tuesday night at the Upland Goose Hotel, and the charming Lady Mavis was to spend Wednesday night, and "Merciful laughter fin-ished the joke.

There were fewer jokes,

yesterday. The Duke of Norfolk moved an amendment aiming to torpedo embryoresearch. He spoke first.

Dukes are top-of-the-range aristocrats; and his Grace is Britain's foremost lay Catholic. He gives every indication of being generous in spirit as well as noble in blood. But he is no orator. Per-

haps when you are a duke you don't need to bother with that sort of thing; so let us simply to remark that tomorrow afternoon a thousand British fathers at a thousand Berni Steak Houses, giving their daughters away in matrimony and unaccustomed as they are to public speaking, rise to standards of oratory which - for cogency, clarity and well-structured preparation - will rival his

in my own memory just two sentences survive. Yet, as the debate progressed, I found myself returning to them with growing affection. Norfolk said that he knew a woman with spina bifida who was making a great success of life but would have been

destroyed as an embryo, if this kind of research continued. "Thank God she's still here. She's a wonderful Welsh girl and has been to Essex University."

Another distinguished lay Catholic and former law officer, Lord Rawlinson of Ewell, elegantly clothed the thought that the Duke of Norfolk probably half

from a stream. Downstream I have been interested in from its source, no "beginembryology ever since ac-ning" could be found. The companying Julian Amery only problem here (one (C, Brighton Pavilion) to the mused) was that life, like Falklands; and to a dinner Lord Rawlinson's river, rises given by the Governor, Sir from the conjunction of Rex Hunt I watched the streams. Follow that too far

Lord Rawlinson stopped after-dinner story about short of that. The argument salmon-ranching. "The trag- was cleverer than the Duke's but I somehow preferred to think about the Welsh girl because she was real.

The Archbishop of York was cleverer than both of them. Dr Hapgood is not your typical woolly-minded Anglican but a man of high intelligence - deployed in a woolly cause. The Arch-bishop was in favour of a permissive framework for

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He began by unveiling a new word — "conceptus" — which he asked us to use in place of "embryo", as it was less emotive. I thought of the Welsh girl, or Cetic post-

Tracing a life back along the causal chain to some early phenomenon, he said, was not the same as saying that the phenomenon was the thing it was to become. He was right, of course ... "and she went to Essex University" I recalled. Nobody, he continued,

would seriously pretend that the argument against killing healthy children was no stronger than the argument against embryo-experimentation. The argument grew, with the child. True, I thought And I thought "... a long way – from Wales to

Arguments came, from York about "cellular identity"; and there was even a little joke. "Embryology" said the Archbishop, is sua generis. One smiled. Norfolk's "Thank God she's alive today" lingered, still, at the back of the mind.

And, time running out, I left, with much of the debate still to come. Like most of their Lordships, my mind was already made up. I was wholly persuaded by Dr Hapgood's case. And yet ...

I wonder what she studied.

Matthew Parris

Politburo to be axed US targets in Europe get terror alert vatives", from the Politburo. London to New York. Mr serve good security proce-

Continued from page 1

to form new parties. They note Both issues dominated the the extended time-scale in- mass demonstrations in Mosvolved: the recommendation cow last Sunday." has to go before the congress of people's deputies which is Mr Ligachov, after a plenum due to hold its next session speech which attacked the around - or probably after - very idea of inner-party the time of the party congress pluralism and forthrightly

The greatest disappointment, however, is caused by the failure to abolish article six of the constitution - which guarantees the party's right to rule - or remove Mr Yegor Ligachov, who is regarded as leader of the Kremlin "conser-

The continued presence of private property, has been

And the proposed modifica-tions to article six - while effectively ending the party's guaranteed rule - are not the unambiguous abrogation public opinion had sought.

From Martin Fletcher and Somm Ellicott, Washington

The US issued a warning yesterday that members of the pro-Iranian Hezbollah may be planning to attack American targets in Europe to coincide with the eleventh anniversary, on Sunday, of the Islam Revolution in Iran.

The warning was far stronger than that issued by the State Department last December, six days before the first anniversary of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Luckurbie while on route from

The threat continues, and the United States Government is operation against US interests Western Europe, which February 11."

He mid the US did not have specific information about the nature of an attack and could not say whether the target was likely to be an airline. But he continued: We think people should exercise caution, ob-

Richard Boucher, a State dures and follow the recom-Department spokesman, said: mendations of authorities." The State Department would issue further alerts "if further deeply concerned that terror- credible and specific informa-

not urging Americans to can-death threat over the book adventurous activities. cel plans to fly to Europe Mr Boucher said yesterday's

warning was related to an earlier one issued on December 15 following the arrest, in Spain, of eight Lebanese Shia Muslims who belonged to Hezbollah. Intelligence reports said the eight were

and possibly US targets, including US bases in Spain. ■ LONDON: Nine Iranians suspected of plotting to assassinate the author, Salman ists may now be planning an tion on this threat develops". Rushdie - in connection with The department said it was the Ayatollah Khomeini's deported from Britain yes-terday. Orders, signed by Mr David Waddington, the Home Secretary, were enforced "for

reasons of national security"

because the activities of the

nine were "not conducive to

the public good".

AROUND BRITAIN

Row over girls' scouting

promotion of their more

The decision means that Beaver, Cub and Scout groups will for the first time be six and 15. Girls were admitted to Venture Scout groups, intended for older adolesquarter of Ventures' 45,000 Scouts are not likely to be

admitted until next year. The decision was greeted. with equanimity by the Hon Mrs Betty Clay, daughter of the movement's founder Lord Baden-Powell. "I am sure my father would have approved of giving girls the chance to have activities with the boys, so long as the boys want it."

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ACROSS 1 An appearance - not in dock

5 Variety act incorporating simple entertainment (7). 9 Former officer is after a raise (5). 10 Defective warrant for the arrest of Miss March about fighting

11 Reformed characters in Ireland live around subsistence level (9). 12 Go round one foreign city (5). 13 Communist rejected by English

city (5). 15 Settle change of topic about Latin thereby (4,5).

18 Hurts, they say, to measure this 19 Moony girl going from one side to the other (5).

21 I have a suggestion about Welsh way of speaking (5). 23 Pelt with rock one who's too

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25 Leaders in Falkland Island without a force prepared to fight. Heavens! (9). 26 Routine — it can be boring (5). 27 Clement — name that's ad-

vanced all round (7). 28 Gain about two points daily (7).

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(2,1,6). 3 Valued as an artist, Edward (5). 4 Girl with a name that's aris-

tocratic (9). 5 Stop searching (5). 6 Lover with mounting appeal — but not quite satisfied with good

7 In Cairo, we really need a boatman (5). "To be or not to ...", towards the end, it falls into place (7).

14 What you might say, before the meal, to a duke (4.5). 16 City's worried about catalogue

of fashion (9). 17 Conservative rumour - one concerning the state (9). 18 It's important to turn boat's

20 Money invested in animal that kills vermin - a fine specimen 22 It's hard standing in protective

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clothing (5). 23 In a way, very little ... (5). ... confectionery is fake (5). WORD-WATCHING By Philip Howard NEAR MYTHS

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Ward falls to £7.22m

Ward Holdings saw its profits from housing construction million to £1.04 million — which left the group with a year end pre-tax profit of £7.22 million against £14.4 million. At the net level, profits fell from £9.53 million

The final stays at 2.1p to make 2.6p again, out of net earnings down from 18.1p to

Turnover was £63.4 million against £59.7 million, with a poorer house construction figure offset by increased property investment and com-mercial development. There was a substantial loss on

London housing operations. Loss forecast

Strong & Fisher (Holdings), the leather manufacturer, expects a further loss for the six months to December 29, but an improvement on the £1.9 million loss in the second half last year. Tempus, page 22

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TOURIST RATES

audit. Garston went into liquidation last month before the audit. Garston was a tied agent of NFMC and legally only allowed to sell NFMC's policies.

was spotted.

clients funds. Much of the money is still thought to be missing. But the investor, a Surrey businessman who stands to lose up to £140,000 in Garston's collapse, says that Garston paid a set of annual premiums on NFMC income policies in March 1989, after the Financial Services Act came into force.

Garston paid into NFMC from unauthorized client funds

He believes NFMC should have examined Garston as soon as it realized it was running its own client funds and investigated immediately. Instead NFMC did not order an audit until December last year.

The cheques came from a Barclays Bank high interest account held by Trailgrove, a Garston subsidiary. Garston held the rest of the investor's money in various accounts, and even

The investor asked Garston to close his account in November, but was told recover their full losses.

before he received any money. Mr Paul Taylor, NFMC's managing director, admitted that the company's systems were not adequate at the beginning of last year to notice cheques from client

our procedures. They were not tight at

that stage," he said. He said NFMC had only banned client accounts later in the year and had no way of discovering the unauthorized fund in its compliance checks since it was

NFMC has agreed to compensate any Garston investor who thought he was buying an NFMC product.

ning to take action against NFMC to

East Europe rates threat fear by Bank

By Colin Narbrough, Economics Correspondent

fears that the opening up of Eastern Europe is putting inflationary pressure on West Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, and threatens to tary policy should remain

create a high interest rate firm climate across the region. Concerned that monetary tightening overseas and high British wage settlements could weaken the pound and push up costs and prices in Britain more rapidly, the Bank calls on the Government in its latest Quarterly Bulletin to "maintain a firm fiscal stance and prevent any relaxation of

monetary conditions." in line with the Treasury projection, it expects the economy to slow markedly this year, but identifies risks of even lower activity and higher inflation. Given high debt servicing costs, sharper-thanexpected cutbacks in personal and corporate spending can-

not be ruled out. The Bank's anxieties about the economic impact of developments in Eastern Europe coincide with fears ex-pressed by Herr Karl Otto Pohl, president of the Bundesbank, who has urged a cau-tious approach to Eastern Europe so as not to jeopardize West German, and Western Europe's, stability.

But the West German government's political priorities appear to have secured reluctant support from Herr Pohl for urgent talks with East Germany on economic and monetary union. The prospect of early union, on top of the massive inflow of East Ger-

'care' case

By Angela Mackay

Touche Ross, the auditor, has

won a landmark case in the

House of Lords which ruled its

duty of care did not extend to

potential investors in a com-

The accounting firm appealed against a ruling made in the Court of Appeal that

auditors have a duty of care to

individual shareholders of a company when preparing

The ruling narrows the duty of care owed third parties by

auditors of public accounts.

Caparo Group, Mr Swraj Paul's private holding com-

pany, was trying to establish that Touche Ross owed Capa-

ro a duty of care as the firm

over target Fidelity, the audio

Caparo alleged that Fidel-ity's assets had been inflated

by £10 million when the

company was bought from the Dickman family in 1984. The

case was a preliminary issue to Caparo's potential claim for £14 million in damages

The Law Lords' decision.

however, does not affect audi-

tors' liablity to their clients for

any losses that can be attributed to auditor negligence.

Touche Ross argued a man-

gement should not be allow-

ed to blame the adverse con-

sequences of an investment

decision based solely on the

information in accounts on

against the auditors.

and television company.

pany audited by the firm.

The Bank of England financial markets about infla- interest rates. East Germany is tion in West Germany.

The Bank said: "Given the in Eastern Europe, but the pivotal role of the Deutsche- Bank cautions that the monemark, it is essential for continued progress against inflation in Europe that German mone-

This is seen as especially important as West German tax reforms are about to exert a significant expansionary impact on demand. This year's wage round is also critical, with the trades unions confronting employers against a background of strong growth, improved profitability and

While the reappraisal of West Germany's prospects dex of 30 leading shares closed helped the mark appreciate by

6 per cent in effective terms in the second half of last year, dampening inflationary pressures, the Bank believes adverse developments in Eastern ted inflation remains significant." For the early part of this year, however, it anticipates West German inflation easing.

A realignment of exchange rates within the European Monetary System is seen as one way of lowering West German inflation, but the Bank sees such a move raising inflationary pressure else-

Though the Bank considers it too early to gauge the scale and composition of capital flows to Eastern Europe, it

recognized as a "special case" tary aspects of integration with West Germany will "call for considerable care if the transitions is to be smooth." Though pleased that the pound has recovered, without

lows of last year, the Bank is worried that Britain could come under renewed pressure to raise rates if West Germany and Japan move higher.

It was a West German base rate increase last October which forced UK base rates up

In Frankfurt, the DAX inat 1,915.79, up 15.69 points. German shares have risen nearly 34 per cent since East Germany threw open its bor-ders in November. The mark eased back yesterday as dealers sought to assess developments and a more positive sentiment emerged for the

Bank said the downward trend output is now "firmly established." Consumer spending has fallen sharply.

However, it describes the financial picture as "more obscure", with lending to households much more subdued last year, but lending to business "erratic". The Bank said UK inflation remained "uncomfortably high" and recent sterling weakness may have added to inflationary pressures. The inflation rate is likely to remain "fairly vol-

foresees this extra demand atile" over the coming mens, has fuelled fears in the putting upward pressure on months. Victory for | Hilton hotels head auditor in leaves Ladbroke to start own business

By Martin Waller and Melinda Wittstock

Mr John Jarvis, head of Ladbroke Group's Hilton board. International hotels division "We have a very young and the man widely tipped as heir apparent to Mr Cyril Stein, chairman, has left abruptly to act up his own hotels chain in this country.

The news came as a surprise to the City, and the shares, on an otherwise good day for the stock market, were marked back 6p to 306p.

He is succeeded by Mr Michael Hirst, his deputy at Hilton, who joined the same year that he did, in 1975. Ladbroke said the split was

amicable and there was no afternoon, said: "I want to question of compensation, emphasize that this is totally question of compensation. We have accepted the surreuder of his service contract. He after running the world's numis setting up his own ber one hotel company is to

business. He denied Mr Jarvis had



board of directors, all of whom are regarded as heirs apparent. There are a series of young turks waiting to take over from Cyril," he said.

But one analyst, asked about the reason for the apparent split, commented: "Everybody is asking the same question. He was the driving force - he was the guy who was expected to take over from Cyril Stein."

Mr Jarvis, in Amsterdam at an airport Hilton yesterday amicable. The only thing to do

set up on my own. "It is hardly unexpected. It's been more than two years rince I achieved the chairmanship in October 1987 when we bought Hilton and now the time is right to be inde-

pendent" Mr Jarvis declined to comment on his new business plans, but said the new UK hotel operations would be in "an entirely different realm"

from the Hilton chain. Mr Hirst, who admitted he was surprised by the resigna-tion, said there would be no change of direction at Hilton whatsoever. He said he was sorry to see Mr Jarvis go.



Queens Moat declares offer for Norfolk final

Queens Most Houses, the commercial hotel group, will not be increasing its all-share bid for Norfolk Capital, a rival hotel group.

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Mr John Bairstow, Queens Moat chairman, yesterday de-clared its offer final.

The Queens Moat share movea higher as the market showed relief that the company would not be making a higher offer, or offering a cash alternative. Only if a third party bids for Norfolk will Queens Moat consider a higher bid.

The share price rise enabled

Beeson Gregory, Queens Moat's stockbroker, to mount a raid on Norfolk shares. It snapped up 7.7 million before the Norfolk price recovered. Queens Most now owns 6.3

Property

boost for

Budgens

By Gillian Bowditch

Pre-tax profits of the Budgens

supermarket group jumped 82.7 per cent to £11.7 million

in the six months to Novem-

ber. But property profits accounted for £6.99 million of

this and operating profits from food retailing only rose 3.7 per

Sales advanced 9.6 per cent

to £158 million and earnings

per share improved from

5.46p to 8.71p. The interim dividend is held at 2p.

to 97p. Mr John Fletcher, the chair-

man and chief executive, said

that trading in the first few

months of the second half had

been difficult as high interest rates began to bite into his

customers' pockets. The 145

stores are mostly in the South-east. Tempus, page 22

Budgens' shares gained 3p

cent to £7.36 million.

we should state our position and go final," said Mr Bairstow, who admitted his disappointment at the lack of response from the Norfolk

In declaring the offer final Mr Bairstow also unveiled a results forecast for 1989, with pre-tax profits not less than £62 million, up 47 per cent on million.

start. Mr Bairstow said he had period of grace seemed to have hoped to reach an agreement been wasted on Mr Anthony Richmond-Watson, the Norwith the Norfolk board and had deliberately avoided such folk chairman. Responding to said: "Shareholders will not "Our intention was not to like being at the receiving end be hostile. But now it seems to me only right and proper that of such bully-boy tactics. The

bid undervalues Norfolk Ca-"Our view is that they were forced into this position by their share price failing." When Queens Most laun-

ched the bid it was worth £185 million. At yesterday's share price the 2-for-5 share swap valued Norfolk at £176

BT dials £695m in third quarter

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor

Buoyant demand, a pensions holiday and the first increase in regulated prices for three years helped British Telecom make pre-tax profits of £695 million in the three months to end-December, the third quar-ter of its financial year.

The 11.6 per cent increase over the £623 million profit in same quarter a year ago was at the top end of City forecasts. although BT had made £678 million in the second quarter.

RT shares gained 7n to 305n. Turnover was 10.5 per cent ings per share for the quarter

were 14.8 per cent higher at

7.6p.

For the first nine months, pre-tax profits rose by 7.8 per cent to £2.01 billion on a 10.2 per cent rise in turnover to £9.04 billion. Earnings per share rose 10 per cent.

City forecasts suggest BT profits should top £2.7 billion for the full year to end-March. Mr Iain Vallance, the chairman, said the results showed continuing strength in de-mand for telecommunications services, in spite of the general

slowdown in the economy. Over 1989, the volume of inland telephone calls rose by more than 9 per cent and international calls by 12 per

the network by 4.4 per cent, in the 9.4 per cent increase in

Operating costs rose by 8.1 per cent in the third quarter, helped for the second quarter by a £50 million holiday on pension fund contributions.

But interest charges for the quarter were up £52 million to £132 million, reflecting the investment in McCaw Cellular Communications and Tymnet in the US, as well as capital spending on the

Mr Graeme Odgers, BT's managing director, said the \$1.5 billion investment in McCaw had been much criticised. "We paid a lot of money but McCaw is going to make a lot of profit.

"Only time will tell whether it is a good investment, but it is not a high-risk investment." Celinet, BT's joint venture

cellular communications business, raised its contribution to profits sharply but BT acknowledged it was about a year behind Racal, Telecom's rival Vodafone.

WARRINGTON RUNCORN

NGLAND'S

On the 1st October 1989, the Commission for the New Towns took over responsibility for the industrial and commercial property assets of the Warrington-Runcom Development Corporation and opened its offices for 'the nation's most central location' in Warrington

Warrington and Runcorn are located between the two conurbations of Manchester and Liverpool, linked by a superb motorway network giving easy access to international airports and seaports. And Warrington and Runcorn have a number of business incentives available, including development area grants.

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had up to £20 million in unauthorized

NFMC in its attempts to untangle itself from the affair. The company maintains it knew nothing of Garston's unauthorized fund until the end of last year when a stray cheque made it order a full

Since its liquidation last month, the Serious Fraud Office has discovered it

A former investor in Garston Amhurst,

the collapsed insurance agent, has re-vealed that the company was paying money from its unauthorized client

funds into National Financial Manage-

ment Corporation, the TSB Group offshoot, for almost two years before it

The news will further embarrass

illicitly bought shares in DRG,

Regenterest and Hanson warrants.

Collapse could cost investor £140,000

"There may well have been a gap in

accounted for separately.

But it has not guaranteed cover for the investors in Garston's £2.8 million unauthorized fund. Investors are plan-

Budgens alone among the big boys Mitsubishi confirms stake in Paternoster

group run by Mr John believe M&S might like the Fletcher, is resigned to a life of whole group. But M&S is solitude having failed in its unlikely to pay the 154p courtship of the Gateway offered by Wm Low before it group in 1988, and been jilted pulled out of the agreed deal. by Scottish supermarket group Wm Low last year.

But, as yesterday's half-year figures show, going it alone is tough if you are a small food retailer with only 1 per cent of the British market especially when you are up against Sainsbury, Tesco and Safeway who have more than 30 per some way to go and trading could be difficult in the mean-

Pre-tax profits for the six months to November were up Securities has a 7 per cent 82.7 per cent at £11.7 million, stake and a bid is still a possibbut property profits accounted for £6.99 million of that and by to see the sort of premium profits from food retailing Wm Low was offering and the rose only 3.7 per cent to £7.36 shares are unlikely to out to £158 million and eps from 5.46p to 8.71p. The interim BOC

dividend is static at 2p.

Budgens is making the most of its solitary existence, concentrating in the Southeast and repositioning and sive and gearing is about 50 per cent. The interest charge rose from £1.08 million to £1.87 million in the first half, after capitalizing £419,000.

Trading has become tough er in the second half. Mr Fletcher will not be drawn further than that. The £6.99 million came from the sale of five stores, four of which were bought by Marks and Spencer. Europe or North America will

The Institute of Chartered

Accountants' ruling council

has backed plans to allow

chartered accountants to be

offices for the first time and to

merge with the Chartered

Institute of Public Finance

and Accountancy (Cipfa), the smaller, specialized public sec-

Mr Philip Couse, ICA presi-

dent, said the merger would

give chartered accountants an

entry into the public sector

where they are poorly repre-sented, and be a step forward

in rationalizing the profession.

proposals in June. A two-

Members will vote on both

trained outside professi

tor accounting body.

offered by Wm Low before it

Budgens shares rose 3p to 97p putting them on a prospective p/e of 11 assuming full-year profits of £11,2 million (Goldman Sachs). At the end of its reorganiza-

tion, Budgens may be in the right place to cater for upmarket customers but it still has time. Mr Ron Brierley's IEP ility. But the group is not liken. Sales rose 9.6 per cent perform in the short term.

BOC's shares have been remarkably good performers in recent months. At one stage, they were up by a fifth since the preliminary results upgrading its stores. The new-look Budgens is attractive but for 1988-89 were announced the redevelopment is expen-in November.

Even now, up 9p at 535p after the first-quarter figures, they are still a tenth better months of last year,

BOC. For a start, Mr Richard Giordano, BOC's chairman, has said that any recession in

ICA ruling council backs

public sector merger plan

By Graham Searleant, Financial Editor

thirds majority will be needed

Mr Couse said that, given a

well constructed information

campaign, he believed mem-

bers could be persuaded of the

rightness of training in in-

dustry. But he admitted that

persuading ICA members to

vote for the Cipfa merger would take more work be-

cause of fears that it might

dilute the profession. Since

Cipfa members are trained

within the public sector or at

privatized companies such as

British Telecom, approval for the outside training initiative

Members of the combined support to the merger.

is vital for the merger.

for the plans to go ahead.



d to a life of sulitizade in the supermarket field: John Fletcher of Budges

not affect the company in the

This confidence was backed by the promise of dividends totalling 19p, virtually main-taining the 15 per cent annual growth of the last five years.

The first-quarter figures did nothing to dispel the impression that BOC will make it through the current year unscathed. Pre-tax profits rose by 7 per cent to £81.5 million in the three months to December, leaving earnings per share 9 per cent ahead at 11.3p.

The geographical breakdown appears to indicate a strong showing in Europe -

present, would still be able to

practice as auditors only if

they had two years' experience

with an accountancy practice

Mr Couse said Cipfa's traip-

ing system, culture and percentage of graduate entry

Training outside accountancy

firms in the combined in-

stitute would still have to be

supervised by a chartered

Cipfa, whose 10,500 mem-

bers stand to suffer from the

after qualification.

mance in the Far Fast, where they actually fell slightly.
However, this is quite Strong

misleading and arises because corporate expenses and currency hedging operations are charged to Europe. In fact, gases volume rose by 13 per cent in Japen, against just 3 per cent in Europe.

Analysts are keeping to their forecasts of £365 million be-

fore tax and earnings of 53p this year, leaving the shares on ctive p/e ratio of 10. BOC's consistent progress will be increasingly striking as other industrial companies

Bond wind-up

petitions

still standing

Prom David Tweed, Sydney

The Supreme Court of West-ern Australia has dismissed

two applications by Mr Alan Bond of Bond Corporation

Holdings to quash wind-up petitions made by Bell Re-sources, its subsidiary, last

Bond Corporation was told

its applications would be dis-

missed unless it could provide

an affidavit affirming it was

Mr Alex Chernov, couns

for Bond Corporation, told the

court the company would pro-vide an affidavit, but as part of

a new and wider application.

titions are based on alleged debts of Aus\$24.16 million (£10.8 million) and Aus\$3.76

The Bell Resources pe-

with pre-tax profits up 29 per begin to report falling earnings cent — and a lacklustre performand the shares remain att-

& Fisher

Strong & Fisher must rue the day it first grappled with Pittard Garner. Twice it has bid since 1986 and twice it was forced to face the Monopolies By the time its plans were

cleared last spring PG was over its earlier troubles. S&F, over its earlier troubles. S&F, biggest rival. If it does not, on the other hand, was running into trading problems of to recommend them.

loss in the second half of last year. Worse, as it turned out, it had spent £16 million on a 27.4 per cent stake in PG. Today that stake is worth only about £6.5 million, and has brought S&F to its knees.

Given that stocks are traditionally at the highest at this time of year, group borrowings are thought to be running in excess of £40 million, peninst net assets of £25 million last June.

Facing interest costs of about £7 million a year, the prospect of a £2 million writedown on its Gomshall plant, and possible provisions on sheepskin stocks, S&F does not expect to report a profit for the six months to end-December. It can hardly hope for one in the second half,

S&F's bankers clearly want to see some disposals before they agree to any permanent new arrangement. Gomshall, however, has failed to attract a buyer so far, and the obvious move is to unload the PG shares. PG would be delighted to round up some friendly institutions to take up the stake, but at a discount to the market price, naturally.

A merger with PG begins to

look a necessity rather than a preference for S&F. It may yet happen, if PG can see enoug

Colonnade plan tops cash bid

By Jeremy Andrews

elopment Capital, the invest-ment trust managed by British & Commonwealth, to the bid launched by Stratagem, the quoted investment company.

The plan proposes to liq-uidate Colonnade's portfolio by December and return 204p to shareholders, providing 25 per cent more than Stratagem's 163p cash bid. It would have the support of the local authority pension funds which dominate Colonnade's share

Colonnade would pay the 3.2p dividend in March, 99p once a capital reduction re-

Counter-proposals have been crived court approval in issued by Colonnade Dev- April, and the balance by the end of the year. However repayment of the 204p would depend on the portfolio being realized at book value.

> James Capel, Colonnade' adviser, said the directors believed they would be able to liquidate the portfolio at these

Mr Bernard Kerrison, Stra tagem's chairman, said: "Colanything which will shake the support of the 29.1 per cen tho have indicated their

intention to accept our offer." Stratagem already has 18.1 per cent of Colonnade.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Mitsubishi Estate Company, the Japanese property group, has confirmed it will join the consortium developing Paternoster Square in the City, as suggested in The Times

yesterday.

Mitsubishi is to inject £15 million of equity into the £790 million project, matching the sums invested by the two other members of the consortium, Greycoat, a quoted developer whose shares rose 8p to 420p on the news, and Park Tower Realty, a private US company. An affiliate of Mitsubishi Estate is providing a loan to the partnership which secures the long-term finance for the site. Greycoat and Park Tower Realty acquired the site, next to St Paul's Cathedral, for £150 million last year, and a planning application will be submitted this summer. The plans are being drawn up by a team of

YRM interim Lloyds buys rises by 18%

YRM, the building design consultancy, lifted pre-tax profits 18 per cent to £1.38 million in the half year to end-October. Group turn-over advanced 70 per cent to £13.6 million, following expansion and technological investments. Earnings per share rose from 6.06p to 6.61p, while the interim divi-

Medeva issue shortfall Medeva's £87 million rights issue to finance the takeover of Messeva 3 26 / minious rights issue to maince the talkesver of fellow drugs company Evans Healthcare has received 28.24 per cent acceptance. Underwriters, headed by Laing & Cruickshank, will take up the balance of the 16-for-5 issue, at 100p. As a result of the issue Credit Lyonnais, the parent bank of Laing & Cruickshank, will own 15.74 per cent of

Mr Ian Gowrie Smith, managing director, said he was not too disappointed with the result of the issue because the underwriters had been counting on a shortfall, and his company is now 80 per cent owned by those intending to be

Fall in beer production

Despite last year's good summer, beer production fell because of the squeeze on consumer spending, according to the Brewers' Society. However, lager and low al-cohol beers continued to increase their market aboves. Production during 1989 was 36,672,376 barrels, 2 per cent down on the 1988 figure when 36,757,933 barrels

Elbief hit by sales decline Shares in Elbief, the

York chemist

Lloyds Chemists has ac-

macy in York for 2540,900.

stores in its network to 490.

The deal is being financed

through the issuing of 272,728 new Lloyds shares

to be placed by Panninge Gordon at 198p. The phar-man place trades with of £58,000 in the year to end-

Birmingham manufacturer of handhag and photograph frames, clocks and mirrors, fell by 13p to 33p, following a decline in sales. Pre-tax profits fell from £25,600 to £70,000 in the six months to end-October, on turnover edging up from \$2.20 million to \$2.3 million. The interim dividend was cut to 0.181p.

21% at

By Philip Pangalos

Pre-tax profits at Birse Group

the construction and civil

engineering company which

came to the market last

September, increased 21 per cent to £5.23 million in the six

Turnover grew 16 per cent to £105.1 million, with construction advancing 20 per

cent and accounting for £98.4

Earnings per share rise from 5.8p to 6.8p and there is an interim dividend of 0.25p.

Mr Peter Birse, chairman,

said the building market has

slowed in the South of Eng-

land but is buoyant in the

Midlands and North, Business

available in civil engineering

The company has been

more active in plant hire, which accounts for 25 per cent

of profits. A depot has been

commissioned in Aberdeen to

serve the offshore industry in

Birse Homes made a small

first-half loss and is "unlikely

to return to profitability in the

near future." Birse Communi-

cations, started a year ago,

continued to incur losses in

the first half, at about £200,000, although it is now

trading profitably and should

show a profit by next year.

Analysts expect full-year

pre-tax profits of £13.5 mil-lion. The shares held at 130p.

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GPT and Siemens link GPT, the communications group 60 per cent owned by GEC,

has announced a global product strategy for the develop of business communications with Siemens of West Gern Work has already started on integrating the network features of GPT's best-selling ISDX digital exchange and Hicon, Seimens flagship product. GPT said its co-operation with the German group mirrored the joint product strategy of links and Seemens in the US, based on Robu's system 9750. It considers that ISDX will be the conservation of the new

GrandMet puts Alpo up for sale

Grand Metropolitan, the British drinks and foods group, is putting Alpo, its petfoods subsidiary which is sixth largest in the US, up for sale.

Alpo was acquired by GrandMet in 1980 as part of the purchase of Liggett, but does not fit into the group's international strategy.

GrandMet does not sell pet food in Britain, and the only way to expand its share in the US would be by an expensive acquisition, GrandMet said. Alpo sales are running at about \$400 million (£237

million) and profits before tax

and interest amounted to around \$45 million in the year On a p/e ratio in the mid-20s, analysts expect Alpo to fetch between \$600 million

Hong Kong bridge link Hong Kong is to construct the

longest suspension bridge in the world at a cost of HK\$6.5 billion (£490 million), its gov-ernment announced yester-

The bridge, the largest-ever private undertaking in the colony, will link urban Hong Kong to the site of a new airport on Lantau Island. It will have a central span of 1,413 metres, 130 metres longer than the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco.

The project is part of Hong Kong's HK\$127 billion master plan to build a massive port and airport infrastructure by 2006. It is expected to be completed in 1996, a year before the opening of the Lantau airport and the historic handover of the colony to China.

The government will invite tenders to finance, design, construct and operate the bridge in September, and has already placed advertisements

Schneider lifts stake

Schneider has increased its 7.68 per cent by purchasing the entire 4.5 million share stake previously held by The Worldwide Software Group.

Mr Pierre Bonelli, Sema managing director, said the company considered Schneider to be a supportive longterm shareholder, and he called it a positive dev-

Castleman passes dividends as Relief as Nu-Swift Birse rises debt-burdened LIT loses £12m

By Neil Bennett

Shares in LIT Holdings, the futures settlements and business expansion scheme sponsor, slumped by a quarter to 25p yesterday when it re-vealed it is being forced to cancel all its dividends after attributable losses of more than £12 million in 1989. Now LIT could be forced to

sell stakes in either of its main businesses or mount an emergency rights issue before the summer to reduce debts of £76

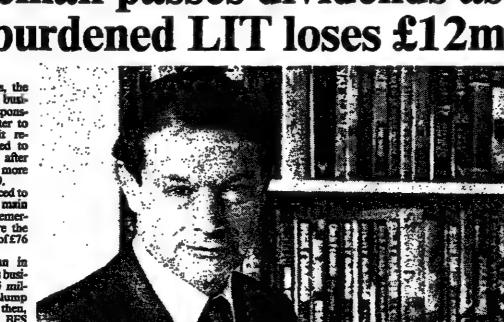
LII's problems began in October, when its futures business in America lost £5 million in the stock market slump from put options. Since then, both Johnson Fry, the BES sponsor, and the American business have been trading badly, and are expected to show a trading loss for 1989.

Its difficulties have been compounded by a £3 million loss from the £16 million sale of a 33 per cent stake in Levitt, the personal finance company, and interest charges from the debt mountain.

Borrowings are now so high that LIT is having to ask shareholders' permission to rewrite its articles of association. Apart from Levitt, LIT hopes to sell up to £10 million in assets before June. LIT's problems are a further

blow to Mr Christopher Castleman, who joined as chief executive in October. Mr one of the most brilliant financiers in the City, resigned as chief executive at Hill Samuel after he negotiated to sell the company to Phillips &

After that he was head of Blue Arrow for only nine weeks, when he left after a





Berry, the chairman.

"There could be no more

disagreement with Mr Tony after amouncing LIT's prob- of the holding company debt,"

fascinating assignment than this one," said Mr Castleman able. The problem is the size

lems. "LIT is taking up twice he said. Mr Castleman did not as many hours as I thought. say when he thought LIT

sells stake in fire group for £184m

By Colin Campbell

Nu-Swift, the fire-fighting equipment group, has finally sold its 88.3 per cent stake in SICLL the French fire protection and detection group, to Sicil Participations for Ff1.79 hillion (£184 million).

Nu-Swift shares rose 25p to 498p having touched 510p on news of the deal.

The sale, which will allow Nu-Swift to clear its borrowngs and leave an estimated £100 million of net cash, is £30 million lower than last October's hoped-for sale of an 88.5 per cent stake to a triumvirate of Wasserstein Perella, Bankers Trust and LBO France, which fell through at the last

of negotiations are not really comparable, but yesterday was clearly relieved that the SICLI deal had finally gone

will enter into an agreement to ensure the supply of SICLI's fire protection products to the

The deal is conditional on approval by shareholders and the French Treasury, and on confirmation by SICLI Participations's auditors that

the pre-interest profits for those parts being sold are at least Pi288 million (£30 million) for the year ended December 31, 1989. in the year ended Decem-ber, 1988, SICLI's turnover

was Ff1.27 billion and pre-tax profits were Ff240 million. Net assets at December 31, 1988, were F1298 million. Sicli Participations will be controlled by a group of investors arranged by Roth-schild et Cie and Drexel

Burnham Lambert. The new owners will make offers to acquire the balance of All existing shareholders of

SICLI will receive a gross dividend of Ff4, payable out On completion, Nu-Swift of 1989 profits. Nu-Swift says it remains policy to seek to invest in service-related

maker, yesterday announced it would be forming a joint venture company with Rolls-Royce and Partners Finance Limited (RRPF), which leases and finances Rolls-Royce

The company's principal

Rolls to form leasing venture with Fokker Fokker, the Dutch aircraft Fokker aircraft, most of which are powered by Rolls-Royce

turbo fan engines.

Fokker and RRPF finally reached agreement to form the joint venture company through a 50 per cent participation by RRPF in Aircraft Financing & Trading activities will include the leas- (AFT), a wholly-owneding, trading and financing of subsidiary of Fokker.

Why poll day is a vote loser Up to one million people will

be caught by anomalies in poll tax, operative in seven weeks time. The courts may be able to help, but most cannot afford legal redress.

Find out why tenants, divis-

cees, married women, holids) cottage owners, pensioners and parents are concerned

THE ASSESS TIMES ON SATURDAY IN COLOUR

about the new tax in Family Money tomorrow.

The seven pages of perso inance news and information will also look at the success 50 far of green investments; the new crop of investment trusts; and the value of umbrells

Top executives in Britain now the poorer men of Europe on pay Inflation undermines the salaries of key players

By Colla Nariwoogh

For all the publicity about the City's mega-salaries, Britain's chief executives last year lost ground in the international pay league.

They fell four places to 15th where total salaries and bonuses are concerned, according to a survey by TPF & C, management consultancy arm of Towers Perrin. Measured by purchasing power, chief executive officers with British

companies slipped from ninth to

allowing for tax and other statutory deductions, they slumped to 13th from seventh. The best performance by British chief executive officers was in overall remuneration, including long-term incentives, such as share options, and other perks. Here they dropped from fourth to seventh position.

Mr John Carney, the vice president of TPF & C, said: "These figures are surprising given the high

which we have witnessed recently." He said they clearly reflected the fall in the value of the pound over the last two years and an crosion of purchasing power caused by rising inflation in Britain. Previous TPF & C surveys have shown Britain's chief executive officers moving steadily up the international pay league of the top 20 countries.

The survey, 1989 Worldwide Total Remuneration Update, covers chief executives running companies with a turnover of £150 million.

Total remuneration for the average chief executive in Britain was £171,000 last year, placing him or her 47 per cent below opposite numbers in America - the leader in all categories. In America, total remuneration is £322,000.

If salary and bonuses are considered separately, the average chief executive officer in Britain earned only £106,000 last year. This meant that in Europe, only the Swedish chief executives were paid less. After-tax earnings for chief exec-

utives in Britain are £65,000, against £84,000 for their Swiss counterparts (the top Europeans), and £144,000 in America.

Italy leads Europe in purchasing power terms, but its chief executives have less than half the purchasing muscle of their equivalents in

In Europe, the chief executive officers in Belgium, the Netherlands and Sweden have lower purchasing power than their counterparts in

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Directors reject chance of Really Useful stake

The three executive directors of Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful Group have rejected the chance to take an equity stake in the company once it is taken private and are in discussions with the composer about their future with

Mr John Whitney, former director general of the Independent Broadcasting Authority, Miss Biddy Hayward, who runs the Palace Theatre, and Mr Keith Tueser are and Mr Keith Turner, are thought likely to remain with RUG in the end, however.

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future profits.

No one at the buyout team was giving a reason last night for their change of heart, which occurred about a month week announced a 233p offer for the rest of the company he does not own, revealing that he spoke for 52.5 per cent through his Newco vehicle.

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fait accompli he had handed continued yesterday. Schrocan make a comment on ders, the merchant bank you feel about the price." which brought RUG to the market, is using Wertheim, its commanding position, how-

Arts Minister who is non-executive chairman at RUG,

recommend that shareholders the minority shareholders don't accept the price and you can make a comment on what

Mr Lloyd Webber is in a

Amazing Technicolor Dream-Lord Gowrie, the former coat. Under his contract, which expires in January 1993, Mr Lloyd Webber can forbid further performances of the works, turning off much of the profits at source. He can also, should dissenting shareholders decide to stay in, block any future dividends.

The problem of valuing RUG was the main reason for the City's disenchantment with it. Firm profits forecasts are hard to come by, but for the current year the best bet is about £8 million-plus pre-tax, But as the plans for the buyout progressed, they rejected associate, to produce an incent of the successor company business and copyrights it business and copyrights it business and copyrights it controls and is not coing to Cats. Aspects of Love, Phanprospective exit multiple of (£7.4 million). Earnings per share, should show a minimal

between them and earn up to controls and is not going to Cats, Aspects of Love, Phan-prospective exit multiple of another 5 per cent over a advise shareholders on tom of the Opera, Starlight just under 15 times. Novalal joining the USM forest



Looking for growth: Richard Wallis, chief executive of Novalal, which specializes in cloning of hardwood trees, yesterday

whose expertise is mass closing of hardwood trees, is coming to the USM after a ducing with City benitations of 5 million shares at 100p each to raise a net 24.61 million (Colin Campbell

million in equipping premises at its Essex estate.

of £1.4 million for working

equipping of premises in brewing and pharmaceutical the placing price, this would Haverhill, Suffolk, and £1.2 industries.

Since a number of vital t its Easex estate. medicines can be obtained A further £400,000 may be from plant cells, Novalal spent in exercising an option hopes to use its expertise to over land, leaving the balance produce such agents and thus save otherwise rure plants and

Mr Richard Wallis, chief The company will use in addition to the mass In the first full year of initially concentrate its activities production of trees, Novalal will intend exploiting other life company projects pre-tax pre-formation expenses, £1.4 science technologies — including to July 31, 1991, the intends exploiting other life company projects pre-tax up additional propagation profits of £2.85 million on a unity in other committee closer million for the acquisition and ing fine chemicals for the turnover of £4.66 million. At

price earnings ratio of 9.7

Initially, the board proposes retaining profits for use 22 working capital. .

Ferranti decided this week to scrap a £187 million rights issue after the signing of the GEC contract. However, it has arranged a £62.38 million standby facility in case insufficient asset sales are made

Ferranti sells half of sonar **business**

By Angela Mackay

Ferranti International, the defence and electronics company, has continued its programme of asset disposals by announcing the sale of half of its sonar systems business to Thomson-CSF, the French group, for £32 million.

Sir Derek Alun-Jones, Fer-ranti's chairman and chief executive, and Mr Bill Broekhuizen, the head of Ferranti Computer Systems, signed the deal — which is believed to include an option on the remaining 50 per cent — in Paris on Wednesday.

The sonar business, with annual sales of £40 million, will be hived off from the computer systems division and jointly managed. However, a new chief executive will be drawn from Ferranti. Thomson had been in-

terested in purchasing Ferranti defence systems but GEC's "knockout" offer of £310 million forced the French to examine the rest of the Ferranti group more closely.

Thomson had hoped to own the majority stake in a sonar oint venture but Ferranti refused to negotiate on that basis. The joint venture, based in Cheadle Heath, near Manchester, will be mostly separate from Thomson's defence sonar operation, Sintra.

Analysts said the price paid, which represented 21 times' historic earnings, was a good deal for Ferranti.

The company started selling assets after discovering a £215 "hole" in its assets, allegedly caused by fraudulent defence

A spokesman for Ferranti said the business needed the support of a big partner to provide the industrial strength to keep winning contracts.

Ferranti won a £20 million order last week to supply 10 sonar systems to the Royal Navy. After the joint venture is completed, just under 50 per cent of Ferranti's sales will come from defence.

Ferranti Computer Systems will primarily be a civil business, specializing in software integration.

Ferranti Industrial Elecronics contains the communcations businesses, including Zonephone.

COMMENT

Tide may have turned for British Telecom

he habit of lambasting British aware as politicians and the rest of the public of its long-standing shortcomings in the public and private sectors. But the image is gradually changing - through genuine performance as well clever advertising - and international investors are dragging their City brethren into taking a new look at a strong, if unloved,

Some of this rethink is due to the fall from grace of the fair weather, highgrowth companies as the economy turns sour. A general business recession would certainly hit BT's domestic business, but the damage would be relatively slight. Underlying volume growth in the core business has been running at 9 per cent during the past 12 months and may drop only a point in 1990. There are also signs that, after making good earlier performance disasters, BT may be able to contain costs sufficiently to live within its price regime and convert volume growth into

about 8 per cent in the third quarter against 10 per cent for the first nine under control. This is admittedly someinflation but the trend is encouraging.

Telecom dies hard. Leading in- saving, which should last another two vestment managers are as well and a half years, more than pays for the as politicians and the rest of the investment in McCaw, which should start to produce real and rising profits during the next three or four years. Cellnet, though behind Vodasone, is also delivering useful growth on top of

the core business. At the same time, BT is beginning to feel sufficiently confident to prune some of its early defensive diversifications: into manufacturing via Mitel and possibly cable operations as well. This makes sense for a business which is absorbing cash in its main telecom-

muncations businesses. Despite management protestations, however, it looks too early for BT to argue convincingly that it is no longer a dominant competitor and should therefore not be held back to allow others in. This will undoubtedly hurt it in the domestic market. That is part of the case for BT's transatlantic adventure.

After their recent recovery, the shares still sell at little more than 10 times' prospective earnings with a prospective yield of about 5.25 per cent. This is After stripping out the pension modest by international standards. The contributions holiday, staff costs rose comparisons include Cable and Wireless, which has a deservedly better image but must at some time or other months as a whole and the ragbag of suffer in comparison with BT from the "other" operating costs is also coming Hong Kong connection. BT has not yet proved it is a new active rather than what easier in times of relatively high reactive animal. But the tide may have

Old Lady still in the dark

A ment a modest man and the gress on fighting inflation, the Old Lady's autumn term report does has had the desired effect on the oncewayward consumer, subduing household expenditure nicely, especially in the housing-related sectors. But not everyone, it seems, is as ready to learn. Either that, or the numbers are failing to

tell the true story.
In its latest Quarterly Bulletin, the Bank of England reveals that it is still somewhat in the dark as to the pattern of corporate spending. After a prolonged dose of the Chancellor's highinterest rate medicine, investment would appear to have slowed, while there seems to have been a substantial accumulation of stocks since mid-1988. Part of this may be run down this year, depressing demand still further. But Threadneedle Street is not alarmed, believing inflation poses more of a threat than recession.

Anyway, there is a substantial school of thought which thinks the "de-stocking avalanche" scenario is a thing of the past in a British corporate is "not obvious" that stockbuilding have become clearer.

Ithough it only gives the Govern- has occurred on the scale suggested by ment a "modest" mark for pro- recorded figures. But wisely the Bank suggests that any "involuntary" accumulation due to the economy acknowledge that a 15 per cent base rate slowing, is likely to be unwound in the next few quarters.

Understandably, capital expenditure is not expected to grow as strongly as last year, but fierce cuts, such as those seen in 1980, are considered unlikely, despite the com-pany sector's £6.5 billion financial deficit. Long-term big spenders -Eurotunnel, the water and power industries — should provide the necessary underpinning to prevent any serious collapse.

For all the surging financial deficit, profitability remained high last year. Profits fell modestly in the third quarter, but the Bank observes that it was still high by historical standards. Dividends have shown strong overall growth, if somewhat erratic. The Bank sees the strong third quarter reflecting underlying profitability, or, in part, defensive moves in a period of exceptionally high takeover activity. which boosted corporate borrowing to sector much leaner and meaner than it about £14 billion. With the takeover used to be. Indeed, the survey notes it heat off last quarter, the picture might

7% increase to £81.5m

7 per cent rise in pre-tax operating profits 11 per cent profits to £81.5 million in the up at £74.5 million. Although three months to December on growth in sales tonnage was sales 16 per cent up at £696 million. A slight fall in the tax rise was 13 per cent in Japan charge meant fully diluted earnings per share were 9 per

cent higher at 11.3p. Mr Richard Giordano, chairman and chief executive, said this result was in line with expectations for the quarter improve further over the rest and consistent with BOC's of the year. plans for the year as a whole.

money' for

Nigel Howe, popularly known in the stock market as "The Spaniard," and made redun-

equity salesman at Citicorp

turned his back on several

near-six figure job offers and

who founded the small agency

ary, Peel reveals that it is

who retired from the City to live in Wyoming, in the US,

16 by the end of this year."

Seoul sufferers

Before you complain, yet

again, about the congestion of

London's roads and Tube

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'Pocket

BOC, the industrial gases and The gases businesses had a health care group, produced a strong first quarter, with

In health care, operating profits were 7 per cent up at £20.2 million. BOC said this increase was modest, but it was confident profits would

BOC 'on target' with | Coloroll sells Drew to management for £16m

Coloroll, the troubled home agement in a £16.5 million buyout. Coloroll, which is expected to announce its refinancing next week, has £150 million of debt.

and 14 per cent in Taiwan. Alexander Drew, based in Rochdale, converts greycloth into printed furnishing fab-rics. The business has been managed as an autonomous division within Coloroll and made profits of £2.47 million for to March 1989. It has

furnishings group, has sold The buyout is made up of Alexander Drew to its man- £14.9 million in cash and £1.6 million of finance leases. Mor-gan Grenfell Development Capital arranged the deal. Coloroll plans to raise about

£80 million in its refinancing. Contrary to speculation, Mr John Ashcroft is expected to take a firmer grip on the reins and remain chief executive. Coloroll is expected to raise more money by selling off other divisions in the next few

It's chairman Twiggy

Larger than life Terry dining room there last mouth, "Twiggy" Buckland, head and broke it. Invited by fooltrader at Phillips & Drew hardy Warburg men once dant from his job as a general Scrimgeour Vickers, has accepted a salary of £30,000 a year - pocket money by recent City standards - to work for Peel Hunt. It means City Diary, the lanky 6ft 7ins, 16½stones ("Or 17 and a bit," be grudgingly admits) stockbroker sat on a valuable antique chair in the private to take my pick." that Howe will be reunited with old Etonian Charlie Peel,

Fund Management, is clearly again yesterday, he turned up never going to live down his with a seat of his own underlast bancheon at Warburg his arm — a shooting stick. "1 Securities. As revealed in the thought they might have only

per cent of capacity, with strong armed men paid \$1.50 company policy to pay every-one a flat rate of £30,000 - an hour to push travellers into the carriages during peak times. Meanwhile, on the



"As usual we get all the

mrm last year. The worked for me at Fieldings, in his pre-CSV days," says Peel, who was once the managing partner at the broker Fielding Newson Smith. Of Howe's lowly sal-smith. Deal cannot lower is in the South Ko-clock up more than 11 mph and the authorities are contrains there are packed to 280 templating the importation of the same of

Fools gold

In contrast to all the usual financial waffle that such company reports often contain, there is a simple, if not brutal, item in the most recent set of accounts from Falcon Mines, the Zimbabwean gold miner. In just four lines the accounts reveal how the company distributed its wealth. "To ributed its wealth. "To employees Z\$8.36 million; to Government Z\$70,000; to lenders of capital Z\$505,000; to shareholders - nil."

Banking is full of surprises.

Barclays found that the basiness personality most favoured in a survey of 20,000 teenage account-holders was Robert Maxwell.

Ideals up a gum tree Novalal, the tree-clone group, is coming to the USM with its

principles up a gum tree - to

use an expression. For its fine glossy placing document is not, tree lovers will be horrifed to learn, on recycled paper. "Sorry about that," says chief executive Richard Wallis. "We had trouble with the printers, and we couldn't get the recycled paper in time." He then hastily added, "Our stationery will, however, use re-cycled paper." Meanwhile Tim Steer, smaller companies analyst at James Capel, and one of the team which has just published the firm's second Green Book - a guide to the 30 companies most likely to benefit from changes in environmental legislation reveals that the publication is at the forefront of green trends. We checked with the

printer to make sure that it was being printed on recycled paper and were told that it was only 30 per cent recycled paper — and 70 per cent recycled furniture. But unfortunately their supplier ran out before our turn came and we ended up with 100 per cent recycled paper after all." Perhaps this might help solve Lowndes Queensway's

 Sign of the times... On a notice board for use by its customers, in the Safeway supermarket in Pickering, North Yorkshire, one postcard reads: "For sale: Outline of the history of the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia. Offers. Genuine reason for sale."

Carol Leonard

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Speculation over fund raising depresses Prudential shares

Whispers about a big fund-raising exercise by the Praden-closed below their best but still tial Corporation, one of the City's most powerful financial institutions, depressed the share price in late trading. It finished 3p lower at 215p with dealers reporting a line of about 3 million shares on

Talk that the Pru is on the look-out for likely bid targets has been around for some time. One suggestion is that it wants to set its sights on one of the big players in the European financial services industry in the nun-up to 1992. There has also been speculation that it wants money to buy a building society. Several are thought to be vulnerable.

But last night some brokers treated the story with contempt. They claimed that a straightforward issue of equity was not the Pru's style and that, if it was planning to raise funds, it might look for a method more acceptable to the other institutions.

The rest of the equity market shrugged off the gloom surrounding this week's US auction of bonds. Dealers in London now expect the final sale of longer dated stocks to go off without a hitch. A few buyers and a firm start to trading on Wall Street made all the difference to the FT-SE 100 index which closed near the top with a rise of 23.6 at 2,331.0. The FT index of 30 shares added 19.1 at 1.845.3 as 456 million shares were traded.

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showed gains of at least £1/2 at the longer end.

BOC Group jumped 17p to 543p after first-quarter figures, showing pro-tax profits up from £76.5 million to £81.5

British Telecom rose 7p to 305p after topping the £2 billion level with profits for the nine-month period almost 8 per cent higher. Cable and Wireless also achieved a rise of 15p to 558p, hoping for some news soon on the sale of part of its controlling interest in Hong Kong Telecom to the Chinese government. C&W has been meeting brokers this week, including Hoare Govett and Warburg Securities.

Securiguard rose 5p to 296p after Tuesday's full-year figures showing pre-tax profits up from £3.2 million to £6.2 million. Mr Alan Baldwis, the chairman, met City front managers on Wednesday before flying up to Ethiburgh, Analysta have already chalked in more than

19 million for this year. industrial conglomerate, continued to go from strength to strength, adding 31/2p to 230½p. The shares have benefited this week from a recommendation by Pru-Bache Securities. Now a rival, County NatWest WoodMac, is recommending them as a

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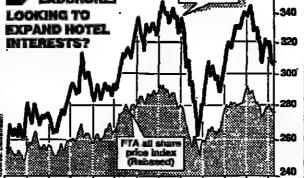
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London International lieved to have met with little Group, famous for its Durex success and may now be contraceptives, jumped 51/2p considering selling them sepa-Kleinwort Benson

Ladbroke, the hotel, property and leisure group, was a flat market, losing 6p to 306p. Dealers say that the price was depressed by a line of 800,000 shares passing through on the ticker and news of the resigna-tion of Mr John Jarvis who ran the hotels division.

Dealers also said there is a suggestion that the group is planning to buy some of the Hilton hotels in the US which have been put up for sale by Mr Conrad Hilton. Ladbroke has close ties with Hilton, operating all the Hilton hotels outside North America.

Mr Hilton had been hoping to sell his hotels business to a single buyer. But he is be-

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to 213p as it gave a presenta-rately. It is thought that tion for fund managers, ar-ranged by the broking side of GEC firmed 2½p to 227p. nque Paribas is introducing Lord Weinstock, GEC's

fund managers in Paris next Monday. Brokers say the meeting is designed to boost overseas support and listing for GEC on various European exchanges.

acquiring some of the better-The insurance composites

managed to claw back some of this week's losses which stemmed from City worries about the spiralling cost of the storm damage - which, some experts claim, could reach as much as £3 billion in Britain

A large proportion of the claims will be covered by

Analysts are continuing to downgrade their profit forecasts. But persistent talk of a bid from the Continent continues to support the sector. ercial Union firmed ip to 493p, General Accident 11p to £11.50, Guardian Royal Exchange 5p to 241p, Royal Insurance 3p to 503p and San

congomerate, rose 4p to 243p in response to a buy circular from Robert Fleming Securities. Fleming says that the shares stand at a 30 per cent discount to the market after a period of under-performance and believes there is scope for a big re-rating during the next

chain, hardened 3p to 97p after its interim figures, showing pre-tax profits up from £6.4 million to £11.7 million. Monument Oil & Gas, the USM exploration group, gained %p to 39½p on mounting speculation that it could soon find itself on the receiving end of a bid from Petrofina, the Belgian oil com-

Michael Clark

reinsurance but there are growing doubts whether this will be enough to prevent

Alliance 2p to 511p.
Williams Holdings, the fastgrowing industrial

Budgens, the supermarket

pany. Dealers say that a big buyer has been picking up shares and they are talking of an offer of at least 50p a share.

Montagu to advise ECGD

By Cetin Nurterough conomics Corresponde

The Export Credits Guarantee Department has appointed Samual Montagu, the mer-chant bank, to help steer the loss-making department towards a reorganization in preparation for part-privatization next year.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, is keen to sell the short-term Insurance Services arm of the ECGD as soon as possible and reduce the cost to Government of the Project Group for medium-and long-term business.

The increase in the Bank of England matrix guideline for provisioning for Third World debt could boost ECGD's heavy provisioning against bad debts by up to £3 billion.



To try to reduce the Project Group's losses, ECGD plans abandon its premium schedules for underwriting medium- and long-term sovcreign risk and charge export-ers on an individual basis and at rates closely linked to

The move also reflects the need to move away from hidden subsidy to exports as the Single European Market

Mr Malcolm Stephens, the ECGD chief executive, commenting on the annual results for 1988-89, said the radical new methods for managing the political risk portfolio were designed to reduce future losses by discriminating more precisely between different categories of risk.

The new system is expected to mean substantially higher premiums for some exporters, while others will enjoy lower premiums. In 70 years the ECGD has protected exports worth more than £250 billion.

WORLD MARKETS

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average was ahead by 10 points to two. Mr Ned Collins, 2,650.09 in early trading after Daiwa's executive vice-presiclimbing 34 on Wednesday.

Shares extended Wednes- auctions have been a pleasant inaries index closed 2.8 higher day's rally on the success of surprise so far." the first two sections of the Frankfurt - The DAX in- Singapore (AP-Dow Jones) Treasury's quarterly auction dex closed at 1,915.79, up - The Straits Times industrial but the market soon levelled 15.69 points, or 0.8 per cent, index was up 4.12 to 1,588.78.

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Nikkei in partial recovery

(Reuter) - The Nikkei index jumped 214.37 points, or 0.57 per cent, to 37,516.24, partly erasing its 364.96-point drop on Wednesday. Index-linked buying, related to yesterday's expiry of February options contracts, pushed shares up sharply in thin trading at the

Mr Ruedi Sater, the deputy head of trading at UBS Phillips and Drew International, said: "There was no gen-eralized buying. Actually, there was no reason to buy." The index fluctuated wildly, rising at the open, dropping sharply at midday and finally closing at its peak. But turn-

over was light, a meagre 400 million shares compared with a modest 450 million on Wednesday. Relatively feverish buying of small-capital shares was the

one clear pattern.

HONG KONG

Hang Seng climbs by 58 points

(AP-Dow Jones) - Shares rose 2.1 per cent in extremely active dealings, achieving their fourth consecutive sharp gain, as institutions over-

whelmed local profit-taking.

The Hang Seng index passed its third "century" mark in less than a week, climbing 58.88 to 2,903.77. It is now up by 7.7 per cent since its daytime low last Friday when a reversal of sentimen in the afternoon signalled the start of the current rally.

The broader-based Hong Kong index rose 37.53 to 1.905.25.

The advance, which marked the market's best performance in seven weeks, came on a turnover of HK\$1.97 billion (£149 million), up from Wednesday's HK\$1.1 billion

British Telecom



Third quarter and nine months results to 31 December 1989

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Turnover	3,083	2,790	9,037	8,201
Operating profit	827	703	2,360	2,104
Profit before tax	695	623	2,008	1,862
Profit after tax	464	402	1,331	1,201
Earnings per share	7.6p	6.6p	21.7p	19.8p

Third quarter highlights

- Turnover up 10.5%, earnings per share up 14.8%.
- Demand for telecommunication services holds up well despite general slowdown in the UK economy.
- Capital expenditure to 31 December at record levels.
- Global communication capability enhanced through the acquisition of Tymnet, a world leader in managed data network services.
- Emphasis remains on improving quality of customer service, increasing operational efficiency and achieving profitable growth for shareholders.

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Europe	737.5	0.5	-3.1	0.6	-1.3	-0.2	1.4
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Pacific	3551.3	8.0	-10.5	-0.1	-5.5	0.0	-6.3
Far East	5178.8	0.8	-10.5	-0.1	-5.6	0.1	-6.4
Australia	315.5	0.1	-9.2	0.3	-0.3	-0.6	-5.0
Austria	1914.1	1.4	28.8	1.7	3 3.2	0.7	34.8
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Canada	530.7	1.1	-11.6	0.6	-4.4	0.4	-7.5
Denmark	1340.9	-0.2	1.9	0.0	4.4	-0.9	6.6
Finland	120.2	-0.8	4.3	-0.9	6.3	-1.5	9.1
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italy	363.0	-0.8	-5.8	-0.8	-3.5	-1.5	-1.5
Japan	5498.4	0.7	-10.9	-0.2	-6.0	0.0	-6.7
Netherlands	879.2	1.8	-7.0	2.0	-4.1	1.1	-2.7
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Norway	1548.8	2.2	15.4	2.1	18.3	1.4	20.7
(tree)	268.9	2.2	15.1	2.1	18.0	1.5	20.4
Sing/Malay	2053.0	0.3	2.9	-0.2	5.5	-0.4	7.7
Spain	219.9	-0.2	-7.1	-0.1	-3.8	-0.9	-2.8
Sweden	1670.7	-0.1	-4.7	-0.1	-1.5	-0.8	-0.3
(free)	238.1	0.3	-1.6	0.3	1.7	-0.5	2.9
Switzerland	898.9	1.3	-1.7	1.2	-0.5	0.5	2.8
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THIS year they can be expected to spend at least the same again.

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THE truth is, 1992 actually began in 1985, when the European heads of government agreed to the programme which would lead to a Single Market.

SINCE then, stories of major European investment have been a regular feature of our business pages.

of a French manufacturer of industrial water purifiers.

NOT for him the sophistication of a computerised targeting of his market.

NOT for him a franchising arrangement, a distribution deal or a merger.

HE just got on a plane, his briefcase bulging with brochures.

HE flew to England, hailed a taxi and asked the driver to take him to any water-using business he could think of. THE Frenchman is now doing buoyant

IF THE SINGLE MARKET DOESN'T HAPPEN UNTIL 1992, HAS YOUR COMPETITION PULLED

A FAST ONE?

A FRENCH company buys a large stake in two British companies which, together, undertake 11% of all our funerals.

A SPANISH company wins the contract to run the refuse service in Brighton.

A GERMAN company launches its supermarket concept in the UK, selling food straight from the packing cartons.

INDEED, all kinds of British businesses in areas as different as insurance from tomato ketchup, are now being shaken up by new European owners.

(OF course, our sharpest brains are giving many companies the same treatment over there.)

BUT the threat, or rather the opportunity, is perhaps best described by

the recent story

W Cerman group in food sales push

business here in Britain.

AT the expense, of course, of local suppliers. (Perhaps they were still waiting for 1992 to come along?)

CLEARLY there is no time to lose. You have to pull out all the stops now.

STOP and think where you should be going in the new business environment.

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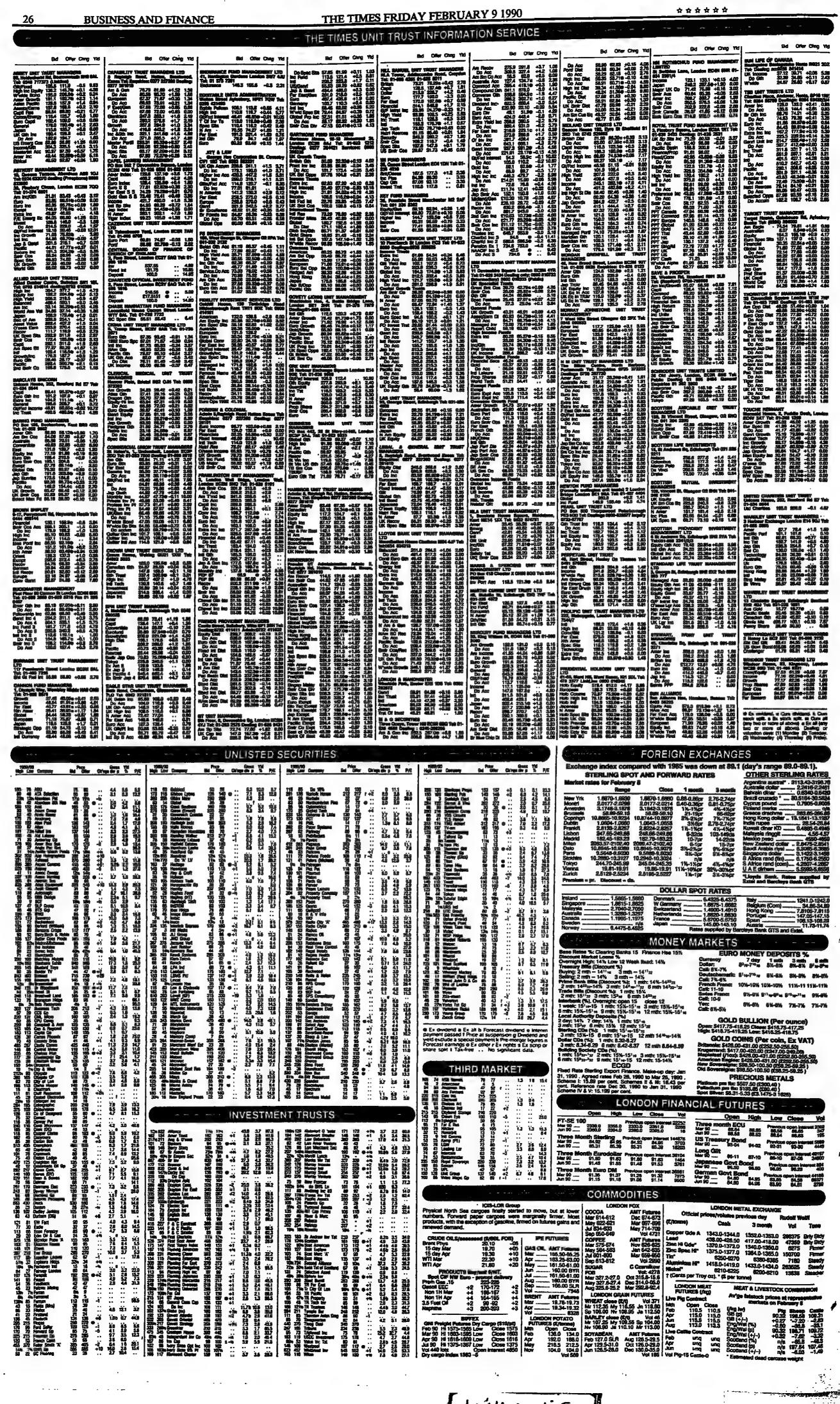
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Battle of the supergiants

Tesco, remarked not long ago: "I have always said there is room for only three majors in the industry. The next five years will knock two out

It is turning out to be a prophetic observation from the man who just over a decade ago managed, by one vote, to get the Tesco board's agreement to move away from its "pile it high, sell it cheap" beginnings and start to out-Sainsbury Lord Sainsbury's previously unassailable empire, leader of the pack in Britain's £40

At the end of last year not much separated the two leading con-tenders. Mintel, specialist re-searchers, estimated that of all food sales Sainsbury accounted for an 11.9 per cent market share while Tesco held 11.5 per cent. The Minuel league table then listed Gateway at number three with 9 per cent, Leeds-based Asda at 6.1 per cent, Argyll's Safeway at 5 per cent and Marks & Spencer at 4.6

But already Asda is stepping ahead of Gateway and more changes are coming. Two years ago, Argyll bought the British Safeway stores from its United way stores from its United States parent and now has more than 300 Safeway outless, partly through a programme of new store development, but also by con-verting some bigger Presto outlets to the Safeway format. The Presto fascia stays on some stores and Argyll's discount chain, Lo-Cost, mains a separate operation. Argyll chairman and chief exec-

rive Alistair Grant estimates that the Safeway acquisition has transformed Argyll from a grocery chain a third the size of Sainsbury and Tesco into one two-thirds their size. Argyll has also forged links with Ahold of Holland and Casino of France and the iminent single European market looks likely to bring more such developments within the trade.

Kwik Save, the discount chain with special strength in the north of England, accounts for 2.2 per cent of the grocery market, according to Mintel. Waitrose, the John Lewis Partnership chain which In the tough world of food retailing.

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beautiful, it is the best way to

stay in business. Derek Harris

looks at some of the major players

margins are to be had, is attributed with 1.9 per cent market share, with Yorkshire-based William Morrison at 1.5 per cent. Iceland, is credited with 1.5 per cent market share, following its take-

Taking in some other mul-tiples means the big chains now take 60 per cent of all grocery sales. But that does not take account of the Co-operative movement, which still consists of some 80 different retail societies, thus lacking some cohesion, but taken together they account for 11.2 per cent of the grocery market. That effectively makes it the third force in grocery retailing, although its market share is continuing to shrink, albeit with signs that the process is slowing.

he Isosceles consortium took over the decidedly diffuse Gateway empire last year in a buy-in, led by David Smith, and has just sold off to Asda 61 of its bigger superstores for £705 million. This is lifting Asda, the target of much takeover speculation, as its profits made a poorer showing, into the number three position in the market share league, pushing Gateway down a peg.

Safeway is expected to step ahead of Gateway as more of the Presto stores are converted to the Safeway format. At the same time, M & S, trading on its quality image, has been so successful in selling food that it is now setting up outlets which are primarily food orientated with clothing and other traditional M & S goods as adjuncts rather than the other way round as in the main body of its

Battle could be joined with M&S jostling into the mainstream of grocery multiples with a positioning towards the up-mar-ket end of the spectrum.

M & Swas late in moving out of city and town centres, but the first of several edge-of-town ventures planned with Tesco is open in Hertfordshire, a few miles from the Tesco headquarters at Cheshunt. Tesco has a superstore there while the M & S store includes a substantial 17,000 sq ft of food

A new M & S development in Glasgow will put a 25,000 sq ft food store alongside an existing Asda superstore. Teaco remains the biggest operator of superstores with 160 such outlets and has started a £1 billion, three-year building programme which should add another 60 such stores.

sda, once it has con-

verted the Gateway stores and with its own programme of development bringing more Asda superstores into operation, should pass the 200 mark by 1991. Sainsbury has 116 superstores, taking the usual benchmark of a store of 25,000 sq ft or more of selling space. But it has some stores just below the benchmark which have many of the hallmarks of the superstore because Sainsbury, like Safeway, carries comparatively little in the way of non-food lines. Sainsbury is opening more than 20 superstores a year, the main thrust being north and west from its heartland of the South East. Its most northerly store, just opened, is in Whitley Bay on the North East coast.

Clearly competition will continue to mount in the grocery trade, with more emphasis currently on price, which will make it tougher to keep up profit margins.
It means the Maril surin forecast is more likely to come true.



Green grow the grocers

or the past couple of weeks, castomers at five selected Safeway stores have had a new facility on offer: carrier hag banks. Realthing that most shop-pers have a small, but growing, mountain of plastic carriers in their pantries (many trophies of previous supermarket visits), the mpany has launched a trial scheme to collect and recycle the

bags. If the trial is successful, the banks will be installed astionwide. The project is just one of domess of "green schemes" being run by the supermarket chains. All the hig retailers — Asia, the Co-op, Marks & Spencer, Sainsbury, Safeway — are vying for "greeny" points. Most have a senior manager or director responsible for the same and there is introduced. green issues and there is intense in The Gross Commer's Super-marker Showing Guida, John El-kington and Julia Hailes's followup to their best-selling The Green Consumer Guide (Gollancz, £4.99 each). Soleway and Tosco hand the

list with five stars apiece Tony Combes, Saleway's director for environment, who insists that his company was green long Recycling plastic carrier bags is the latest project to help protect the environment

seared recycling its cardboard and giving away "tree-saver" known recycled paper bags as long ago as 1971), says its commitment to the 1971), says its com prironment is gennine.
"Our buyers don't have a job

description which says Save the world - and try to make a profit at the same time, but we do encourage them, for example, to keep in touch with Friends of the Earth and pressure organizations," he says.

arkets' green initia tives fall into these categories:

Products. A list of environmentally benign products, many of them own-label, produced under the supermarket's own name, is available. In some shops, com ranges of goods have green images.

empts at helping customers to recycle waste were things like bottle banks for the relatively easily-recycled glass bottles.

because of the variety of plastics used in retailing. But Tesco and Sainsbury have joined forces to set up a trial collection acheme in the North-West for using plastics. rth-West for mixed plastics.

Under the scheme, EVC, a joint venture company belonging to ICI and the Italian company Eximat, will evaluate the type and velume of plastics callected so it can assess the type of equipment needed to start commercial

• Stores. Retailers are trying to make stores and distribe make stores and distribution co-tres more environment-friendly. There is a move, for example, away from the use of CFC gases, which damage the cause layer, in refrigeration. Safeway is using ammonin gas coolants at its new South distribution control in Strathclyde and plans environ-ment-friendly refrigeration in all

but do not go overboard in their praise. Pippa Hyam, recycling information officer for Vriends of the Earth, says that none of them has yet been nearly radical

"Though there are lots of good initiatives, there's nothing so dra-matic that any one supermarket chain stands out from the others,"

emericalists would take the supermarkets' moves seriously
if, for example, they sold all their
fruit and vegetables in recycled
paper bags instead of polystyrens
trays and plastic wrapping, or if
they reversed to the old-fashioned
reall and deposit system on bottles for their own-brand drinks.

Hyam adds: "Of course, they'd filling depots because returning empty bottles to one centralized point over great distances is over great distances is waneconomic. But it would usly cut down the amount of waste that's produced from drinks packaging."

gins will continue to improve over the next two years, reaching 7.9 per cent in 1991,

compared with 4.6 per cent in

1980 and an estimated 7.2 per

Barclays de Zoete Wedd warns that much will depend

on whether the low profits of

1989 prove to be a blip. Although it expresses a lack of

confidence in this hope, BZW

admits: "It is possible to argue

that the troubles of 1989 were

exceptional and that 1990 should see a bounce back in

domestic food earnings. We

are inclined to the view that

food demand is not going to slip dramatically in 1990. Nor,

given the continued trends for

women to work, do we expect

households to be smaller and

formal eating to decline ...

However, it seems reasonable

to conclude that, to some

extent at least, the squeeze on

disposable incomes has con-

tributed to the disappointing

Pointing to rising dis-

posable incomes, County NatWest Woodmac says:

"While much of this increase

has been spent on larger items such as electrical goods, the

consumer is now more willing to pay for a food item,

especially if it allows more time for work or leisure activities."

Indirectly, the concentra-tion of food retailing among

giants such as Sainsbury and

change in the manufacturing

sector. County says: "Being at

the sharp end of consumer

spending, retailers were the

first to identify the trends

towards better quality and

convenience, away from pur-

chases made purely on price."

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The challenge for the 1990s

Tesco has forced the pace of

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Despite low earnings, manufacturers attract high prices from bidders County believes that mar-

ancy prices are paid in food manufacturing, not so much for the goods on the supermarket shelves as for the companies that produce

400 takeovers in western Europe in this sector in the past two years, including Nes-tle's £2.5 billion hard-fought acquisition of Rowntree, the chocolate maker.

Bidders have been prepared to pay far more than the stock market valuation of their prey -- 20 or even 30 times annual earnings in a sector where shares generally trade at around 10 times earnings despite the food manufacturing sector's comparatively poor performance.
Though food is reasonably

recession-proof (we all have to eat), a survey of the past decade by analysts at County Natwest Woodmac indicates that food manufacturing was near the bottom when it came to earnings growth, only 8 per cent a year on average. Supermarkets managed twice that.

Yet food manufacturers are ripe for takeovers and mergers as the single European market approaches. The industry is still remarkably fragmented in the European Community, as 80 per cent of food is processed. in the country where it is

Only a third of the mergers in Europe during the past two years have involved a company being taken over by a foreign company, and only half of Europe's top 50 food manufacturers have a presence in more than two countries.

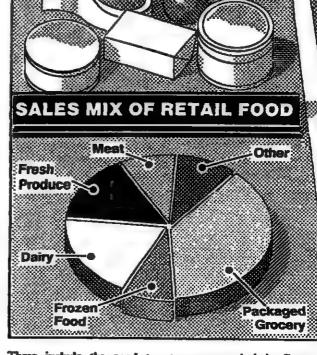
In Britain, the dam could burst soon. Since Rowalree lost its independence, a big bid for a British company has been awaited for 18 months. Two big names have kept their independence against expecta-tions. Rank Hovis McDougall has Sir James Goldsmith sitting on a 29.9 per cent stake, a handy platform for a bid. Cadbury Schweppes, which spent £700 million on acisitions in 1989, sits uncomfortably with General Cinema as a 17.4 per cent

Barclays de Zoete Wedd sees several factors pointing to the disappearance of independent UK food manufacturers.

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Time is ripe for takeover of food makers



These include the need to consolidate to stand up to the big retailers, making savings from combining buying, production and marketing operations and vulnerability to hostile bids in the approach to

If the food sector really is coming out of the trough, now would be a good time for a predator to move, while share prices are depressed but with a profits recovery to come. However, bids may not come from the expected quarters. Stakeholders carrying high interest costs on their purchases are finding it hard to raise finance for full bids in times when leveraged share buying has fallen into disrepute.

Despite problems in 1989, such as weather extremes, high raw material costs and health scares, food manufac- an adequate return."

turers are optimistic. County NatWest Woodmac, in a report on the sector published this month, points out that the lowest growth in earnings was in the first half of the 1980s, at 3 per cent a year, while the second half of the decade saw levels as high as 15 per cent.

County sees growth in earnings of 9 per cent this year and 11 per cent in 1991, reflecting the benefits of past investment programmes, overseas earnings and acquisitions.
"The sector entered the

1980s as a fragmented, inefficient, largely domestically based industry, struggling to come to terms with the growing power of the major food retailers," County says. "It was imperative that the manuof the deep freeze and the facturers improved their work microwave are important facpractices if they were to make

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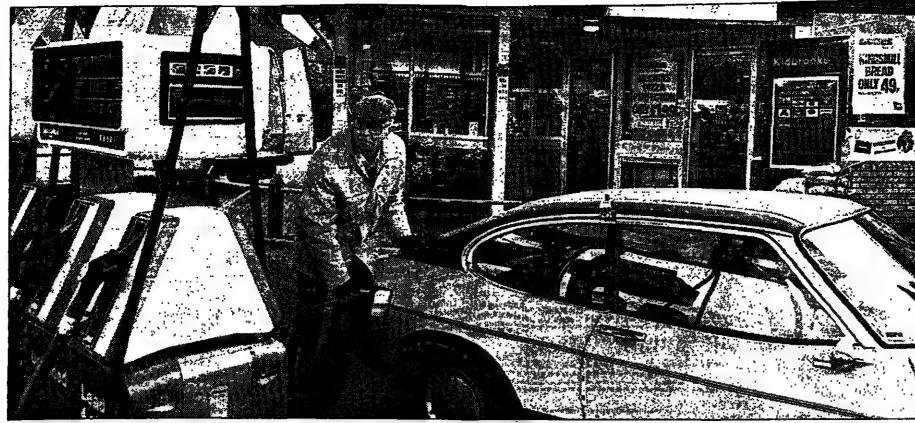






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Pump up the trolley



Stop and shop; behind the pumps a range of household necessities as well as impulse buys are ready to tempt the motorist who drops in to this south-east London service station

Petrol station mini-markets give oil companies big profits and are convenient for the public, Malcolm Brown reports

never be a Sainsbury or a Safeway, yet it is helping to change the grocery trade by playing an increasing part in the "conve-nience store" sector. More than 30 of its petrol stations - owned and operated by the company, not licensees - have mini-super-

markets on them, 2,000 sq ft stores carrying about 2,500 items.

BP's reasoning is that petrol has the low profit margin of 2p to 3p a gallon, while the mark-up on groceries and other purchases from the BP Express Shopping outlets is up to 20 per cent.

One key to BP's success as a mini-grocer is that most of the stores are open from 7am until 11pm, some around the clock the hallmark of convenience shopping. Convenience stores are a local response to the domination of the supermarkets and sup-

As the giants moved to the edge or out of town, they hammered a large nail in the coffin of the corner shop, squeezed out many high-street specialists such as butchers, bakers, confectioners and newsagents, and even drove out some of the smaller con-

ventional supermarkets. Convenience stores are not trying to compete with superstores but to

complement them. Superstores are for the big weekly shop, convenience stores for the "Dammit-I-forgot-it" purchases or the quick and easy buys.

Mintel, a market research company, suggests they offer four basic types of goods — regular daily needs such as newspapers, ciga-rettes, bread and dairy products; forgotten and top-up items, including groceries, toiletries and cosmetics; however, and cosmetics; and cosmetics and cosmetics and cosmetics are the second confectionery; and emergency items such as medicines. But the great advantages are their accessibility and availability.

Jacqueline Bowring, senior re-searcher with the Institute of Grocery Distribution, says the typical convenience store is open six or seven days from 6am to 11pm, most of its customers live within three miles, and it has about 10,000 customers a week. An average spend is £2, and £5 is about the limit. The convenience store is becoming the neighbourhood shop. It is estimated that Britain has

4,000 or 5,000 of them, more than three times as many as in the mid-1980s, in four main categories: Specialist convenience store operators who brought the American convenience store concept, with modifications, to Europe. Traditional grocers, former independents or "symbol" groups such as Spar and VG, which club

together in special relationships with wholesalers. ● CTN (confectionery, tobacco and newspaper) stores, which have diversified out of pure CTN. Petrol station operators who have realized that groceries give good margins and that they occupy valuable real estate, which could be more intensively ex-

The biggest single category consists of the symbol grocers, probably accounting for about 70 per cent of the market, groups

such as Spar (8 till Late), VG (Late Stop) and Mace (Convenience Express.)

The symbol groups had to take the "convenience" route, Bowring says, because they could no longer compete with the multiples if they maintained their old hours and product ranges.

The largest symbol group, Spar, has moved into convenience shopping in a big way. Just under 2,000 of the outlets are now 8 till Late, says Bill Stratton, Spar (UK)'s marketing manager, and there is still growth left in the market. "The figure is rising all the time," he says. "As our retailers become more successful, they are looking to open second and third shops themselves."
The leading specialist convenience store operator is Circle

K, with 230 outlets. "We're looking to have a chain of 500 by the end of the financial year ending in 1993," says Malcolm Cooke, the marketing director, "I are the convenience store market

generally expanding, becoming more professional and having to increase its standards because the customer is basically in a convenience store looking for quick, friendly, clean service."

Nearly all the participants in the market say shoppers' changing lifestyles are an important factor. People are increasingly in a rush, and more women are working, meaning more ad hoc shopping.

Bowring says the importance of late-night and Sunday trading could increase as more people not

only want to choose when they shop but can afford to pay a

premium for saving time.
The sector could be threatened by new Sunday trading laws. Bowring says: "If all stores of any size are permitted to open, the convenience store will lose that Sunday trading because the customer will use it as an extra shopping day and go to the large multiple store for the complete

week's shop." However, Keith Perkin, general manager of Polygon Retailing, which operates the BP Express Shopping outlets, would be more worried if the Government had a

Cool line on a new process

Irradiation fails to impress manufacturers,

shoppers and retailers, even though the

Government insists it improves food safety

Only about a quarter of Britain's shoppers are said to be ready even ple, the ripening process. It does to try irradiated food, and the grocery trade is taking its one from them in showing little enthusiasm

"The Co-op is in the 'no' camp at the moment. All the chains except Sainsbury — are in this category," Martin Henderson, of the Co-operative Wholesale Society, says. "Our primary concern is that food irradiation is used in the right way. We believe it has some merit in terms of food safety, but

this would be limited."

Sainsbury's heavily qualified line is that, should the Government permit the sale of irradiated foods, the company would offer "the choice of food products which have the additional benefits resulting from irradiation".

So far, public opinion against food irradiation has shown no sign of softening. This is not surprising as

er "concatis coming from the oppo-sition, and the sition, and the "Chernobyl effect" continues to exert its influence. The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization (WHO), in a joint statement

almost the only

supporting irradia-tion of food, admitted that "negative public attitudes towards virtually everything asso-ciated with radiation are found all over the world".

Contradictory promonecoverits of experts and authoritative fig-tres do little to build public "It's simply another form of food preservation," says John Wood, of the Food and Drink

Federation, which represents manufacturers, while Labour's food spokesman, Dr David Clark, claims food irradiation is like "esing gloss paint to cover sp

Irradiation uses gamma rays or electron beams to penetrate food and kill becterie or break

ple, the ripening process. It does not make food radioactive. Supporters of irradiation say it

will give products a longer shelf life and that food will be safer. The strongest claims are made on behalf of imported herbs and spices. In defence of the process, they say it cannot improve appearance, disguise taste or mask

Opponents say that irradiation kills good bacteria as well as bad and then not all of them - leaving survivors to reproduce in a much

They also claim the proces leads to nutritional deficiencies and that the whole question of the safety and well-being of consumers
of irradiated food has still not been fully researched. Claims that irradiation is necessary to control food poisoning are rejected on the

ds that contackled by imfood-handling. Furthermore, irradistion is condemned as inerdinately expensive, Processing costs have been estimated by the WHO at 1p a kile, and an ocu

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million dollars. Opponents have Clark: "a gloss on the rot" difficulties of effectively "policing" the irradiators. So far there is no way of detecting whether food has been irradiated. Against this

backdrop, the question remains: who wants irradiation? The anover is the Government and breadiation scientists, rather than food manufacturers - and certainly not es and retailers. The Government, which draws

encouragement from the fact the process is permitted in 35 comtries, lasists that there is overwhelming scientific advice in favour of irradiation and that it can play an important part in improv-ing food safety.

Anthony Cox



In the front line against bacteria

Food producers keep up their guard against the causes and dangers of

contamination, Anthony Cox writes

trade; now it is "mad cow disease" that is leading to bans on British cattle intestines as haggis casings. In between bottnism and bovine spongiform encephalopathy came the salmonella and listeria food scares,

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Bacteria are everywhere and, with more than 40,000 reported cases a year, food poisoning remains one of nature's constants.

"Salmonella is something that local authorities were dealing with long before it was fashionable to talk about it," says Evan Surzaker, an environmental health officer for Ashford council in Kent. Nevertheless, media atten-

tion and mounting consumer concern have put the mainteence of public confidence in the safety of their products at the top of the agenda for Britain's grocers. A year ago, in the wake of the salmonella crisis, six leading supermarket chains - Gateway, Sainsbury, Tesco, Safeway, Asda and Morrisons, a north of England company - set up the Food Safety Advisory Centre to provide information for worried consumers. The centre subsequently made £500,000

botulinus knocking a hefty dent in the tinned salmon available for a three-year pro-gramme of research into the cause of food poisoning.

Gateway, like other leading Gateway, like other leading multiples, maintains a quality-assurance department, to check on the quality of the

food it sells. "With our own products, the responsibility for testing falls on us, but with branded products we insist on it being carried out by the manufacturers, although, increasingly, our own people are visiting manufacturers," says Debbie Young, of Gateway press rela-

turn over more than £70 million a week. "The quality-assurance staff are responsible for what goes into Gateway-branded products. They visit factories and make sure that hygiene stan-

tions, whose supermarkets

dards are being applied. "We stock a huge range of brands and have not the resources to check every single product, so we ask manufacturers to supply certificates. For example, with soft cheeses, we demand from each manufacturer a guarantee that each batch is free from listeria.

our staff are trained and that foodstuffs are looked after."

We also look at our stores to

see that they are hygienic, that



Shepherd's delight? Nigel Pittock, a scientific food control officer for Ashford council's environmental health team, checks a pie being prepared in a kitchen

echoes this account of the bers," says Martin Henderson, steps manufacturers and repress spokesman of the Cotailers are taking to ensure operative Wholesale Society, high standards of food safety. the movement's main sup-

The Co-op is different food chain. We are farmers,

plier. The Co-op's farmers from other groups in that it consult advisory groups on has food-safety responsibilimiting the use of pesticides ities right through the entire and chemicals and the CWS's Manchester-based technical manufacturers and retailers - group of food scientists is The Co-operative move-ment, Britain's largest retailer, our food are also our mem-ance in its own factories and

those of its suppliers, "We send our technical people to every factory we use, or may be considering using, to ensure everything is up to scratch and our specifications are met," Henderson says. "We would de-list any factory that did not meet our standards. Our specifications also include environmental con-

Local authority environ-

mental health officers responsible for tackling problems of food safety would like to see changes in the law. "We're looking for the Gov-

environmental con-siderations. We do not want end—the food premises," says adds that increasing public

goods from factories that pol-lute the atmosphere." Stirzaker, who thinks food safety standards in grocery safety standards in grocery stores are "improving" rather than "wholly satisfactory".

He acknowledges, however, that "the bulk of food poisoning identifiable in terms of an 'outbreak', rather than spoernment to strengthen powers radic cases, is almost inevit-in the Food Protection Bill in ably related to catering in one

poisoning have led to a nat-ional increase in reported inci-dents. "Nevertheless, in five years we have not had an outbreak of food poisoning at Ashford — just a few linked cases and a number of isolated

Last year, Britain's grocers faced a different kind of threat to the safety of the products on was joined by "consumer terrorism", in which blackmailers threatened to spike foodstuffs unless ransoon demands were met. One black-mailer demanded £1,5 million from two companies.

n the House of Commons, John Patten, the Home Office minister, and the food monufacturing industry had "an excellent health, safety and hygiene record over many

Gateway's Debbie Young says: "To try to overcome the problem of people tampering with products, we have oberas, vigilant staff and constant checking, for example— to deter people. It is difficult, because we don't want super-markets where everything is behind bars. Packaging is a matter for manufacturers, but we have an opinion on products. We are moving more and more to tamper-evident packaging in areas where it can be done simply and cheaply—a paper strip across the top of a pot of jam, for example."

Government rule that hits the trade's charity

eonard Reeves-Smith is a disillusioned Tory. The di-rector of the National Grocers' Benevolent Fund, a charity which helps out former grocery trade employees who have fallen on hard times, says be is angry at a decision which will take money needlessly from "hard-up old

people" (Malcolm Brown writes). The target of his anger is the Department of Social Security, which last year said it would disallow the summer and Christmas bonuses paid out by many charities. The department said this type of regular payment would be

classed as income, and an equiva-lent amount deducted from the pensioner's benefit.

The fund, which pays £5 a week to its beneficiaries (any greater amount would be deducted penny for penny from state benefits), had been paying bonuses worth £85 a year to a single person and £120 to a married couple. This has been halted because of the department's

"I think it's a particularly mean and spiteful act," Reeves-Smith says. "If it saved the Government money I could see the point, but it

unable to stand up for themselves on the issue: 98 per cent of the pensioners are over 70, and until her death earlier this year, the oldest beneficiary was a 102-yearold widow. Established in 1964, the fund,

grew out of three much older organizations: the London Gro-cers' and Tea Dealers' Benevolent Society, formed in 1837 to help independent grocers in the London area; the Grocers' Federation Benevolent Fund (1897), which aided independent grocers on a national basis, and the Grocery

Society (1908). The two "emcharities prospered, but had few pensioners, while the "employee" charity lacked money. It made sense, Reeves-Smith says, to combine forces and provide a service for the whole trade, including food manufacturers and

wholesalers. The fund now has about 1,100 beneficiaries, some of them mar-ried; the number of people helped is about 1,400. Last year the fund paid out almost £400,000. To be eligible for assistance, a potential

the trade for at least 15 years and be in financial need. This usually means they are on income support

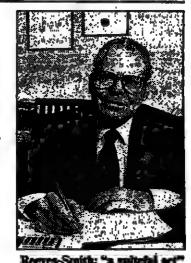
"We have a genteel form of means test," Reeves-Smith says. "Applicants fill in a form with their outgoings and their income, which is either just the state ension and a small occupational pension, or the state pension and income support. If outgoings are higher than income, they're

One group of beneficiaries - people in nursing homes - gets

action on the bonuses, the department has a different attitude to financial support for these people. The fund pays them up to £30 a week without a word from the department, which probably would have to bear the extra costs itself if the charity did not pick up

Reeves-Smith will begin a recruiting drive for new pensioners soon. He hopes to enlist at least another 200 this year. He is concentrating on the North-East and is hoping to make several

the tab.



Own-brand comes of age



The name you notice: the George Range, the label from George and Liz Davies, sells competitively priced clothing for Asda

familiar and are brands, the ranges of goods which usually carry the name a grocery chain as their label, are increasingly filling

rmarket shelves. brand lines. At J. Sainsbury, set up in 1936, are the biggest in Europe. Its experts work ely with buyers and sup largest food retailer, has 2,500 own-brand lines and is adding another 1,000 this year. For schold goods and clothing. it uses the Delamere label, a name deriving from Delamere Avenue, where Tesco's headuters is located in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire.

The Saleway chain, part of the Argyll group, plans to

Name brands are still selling well, yet big outlets are expanding

sales of their own label products

increase its own-brand share plete clothing range from of sales from 35 per cent to 42 George Davies and his wife

superstore-style shopping, once relied entirely on branded goods, despite other chains moving more strongly into own brands. A key appeal of own brands for retailers is that they get a better profit margin on them. There is much less of an advertising cost elem and the bigger chains also have hefty financial muscle to strike advantageous deals with suppliers. Now Asda has well over 3,000 own-brand grocery lines, accounting for about 40 per cent of the chain's range of goods. Asda was able to follow a national-brands-only policy louger because it had a larger non-food element in its stores, a sector with higher margins

strengthen its brand appeal has been to create an exclusive label by commissioning a com-

Liz to be known as the George leaving the Next chain in December 1988. The brief has been to produce good quality clothes at prices which a

at less than £90 and men's

The retail co-operative soci-Co-operative Wholesale Society (CWS), which is primarily facturer and wholesale supplier to the retail societies, tial retail interests of its own.

Gateway has taken the route

launching more than 1,500 lines under exclusive or house brand names. Hence Good Morning cereals, Tea Blend-

goods manufacturers, al-though producing their own capacity in producing own

I food retailing, says most retailers feel own-brand pene tration will increase in the future but at nothing like the

are taking on an individual time. The St Michael of Marks & Spencer and the own Asda and all the rest can surely only gain in power.

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House of Lords

Only board had power to pay £5.2m

A committee, which might consist of only two or three members, could not, however

honest and conscientious, assess impartially the value of its work

or the value of the contribution of its individual members. Arti-

cle 91 authorized the board, and only the board, to grant special remuneration to a director who

the board to act on its behalf,

did not operate to produce a result inconsistent with the lan-

MR JUSTICE TURNER said

that it was a matter of great

regret that the appeal had had to

be adjourned twice during the course of the hearing before counsel was able to satisfy the

served on a committee

Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oukbrook, Lord Templesson, Lord Grif-fiths and Lord Goff of Chieveley A committee of the board of directors of Guinness had had no power under the company's articles of association to grant special remuneration amounting to £5.2 million to the second reluctant directors of Guinness to persevere with the bid and for persuading Distillers to pay Guinness's costs in connection lant, Mr Thomas Joseph Ward, for his services in connec-

Ward, for his services in countertion with the takeover of the
Distillers Co plc. There was no
batis on which Mr Ward was
entitled to retain the money
paid to him and accordingly to
had to repay it.

The House of Lords dismisted an appeal by Mr Ward
by leave of the House from the
Court of Appeal (Lord Justice
Fox, Lord Justice Gridewell and
Sir Frederick Lawton) (The
Times May 12, 1988; [1983] 1 ard may, in addition to the numeration authorized in article 90, grant special remunera-tion to any director who serves on any committee or who devotes special attention to the business of the company or who Times May 12, 1988; [1988] 1 WIR 163) affirming Sir Nicoles Browne-Wilkinson, Vice-Chan-cellor, (The Times July 22, 1987) who, on Guinness's application, had ordered represent. otherwise performs services which in the opinion of the bound are outside the scope of the ordinary duties of a director..."

Articles 90 and 91 departed Mr Jonathan Crow for Mr Ward; Mr David Oliver, QC, Mr Richard Field, QC and Mr Philip Sales for Guinness, from the Table A articles recommended by statute, which re-served the right to determine directors' remuneration to the company in general meeting, but by article 91 special remuneration for an individual director could only be authorized by the board.

A committee which might LORD TEMPLEMAN said

that a meeting of Guinness's board of directors on January 19, 1986, had resolved that an offer be made for the issued share capital of Distillers and e directors should be that three directors should be appointed a committee of the board with full power and sushority to settle the terms of the offer, approved my revisions of it and do all things that it might consider necessary in connection with it.

connection with it.

The first defendant, Mr Ermest Walter Saunders, a Mr Roux and Mr Ward had constituted themselves a committee under the resolution. Guinness had subsequently acquired all the share capital of Distillers.

An agreement was said to have been entered into by the committee on behalf of Guinness and Mr Ward on his own behalf for payment to Mr Ward, in consideration of his

Ward. Article 110 did not enable the board to delegate the power

When presenting cases at first instance or in appellate courts, counsel had a positive duty to inform the court of all relevant

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Russell, Mr Justice Turner and Mr Justice Pous) so

stated on February 5, when allowing in part the appeal of Christopher Paul Isaacs and

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to Guiances in connection with the office, of 0.2 per cent of the bid if successful. £3.2 million had subsequently been paid to him. He claimed perticular credit for personaling the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to allow Guiances to hid for professional services. allowed a director "remunera-tion for professional services": he was seeking remuneration not for professional services ness to bid for Distillers, for persuading some provided in a professional relactant directors of Guinness capacity but for his services as a member of the committee.

Nor could Mr Saunders have had implied actual authority or with the bid should it prove ostensible authority to agree on behalf of Guinness that Mr Article 90 of Guinness's articles provided: "The board shall services. Ward should be paid for his fix the annual remuneration of

Since, for the purposes of the present application, Guinness conceded that Mr Ward had performed valuable services for them in connection with the bid, he claimed that, if he was not entitled to remuneration under the articles, he was nevertheless entitled to a sum by way of quantum meruit or equi allowance for his services. The short answer to a quan-tum meruit claim based on an

implied contract by Guinness to pay reasonable renumeration for services rendered was that there could be no contract by Guinness to pay special remuneration for the services of a director unless that contract was entered into by the board under article 91.

The law would not imply a contract between Guinness and Mr Ward for remuneration on a quantum meruit basis awarded by the court when Guinness's articles stipulated that special remuneration for a director could only be awarded by the

for an equitable allowance was the equitable principle that for-bade a trustee to make a profit out of his trust unless the trust instrument - in this case

Article 2, which defined "the board" as "the directors of the company for the time being . . . or any committee authorized by The law could not, and equity would not, amend Guinness's articles. The court was not entitled to usurp the functions conferred on the board by the Equity had no power to relax

its own strict rule further than and inconsistently with the ex-press relaxation contained in the articles. A shareholder was entitled to compliance with the

trued to companies with the articles.

In Phipps v Boardman ([1964] 1 WLR 993), Mr Justice Wilberforce, approved by the House of Lords ([1967] 2 AC 46) had decided that in exceptional circumstances are current of equity trustee. Therefore, it was argued, a court of equity might award remuneration to a

rusny 27, 1989 at Isleworth Crown Court by Judge Miller following the appellant's plea of guilty on January 26 in Ux-bridge Magistrates Court to driving while disqualified, driv-ing without insurance and reck-As at present advised, his Lordship was unable to envisage circumstances in which a court of equity would exercise a power to award remuneration to a director when the relevant articles confided that power to the board. Certainly, the circumstances did not exist in the

any claim by Mr Ward, whether based on article 100(D), a quantum meruit, section 727 of the Companies Act 1985 or the powers of a court of equity.

It was that by the agreement with the committee, which was the foundation of his claim to any relief, he had voluntarily involved himself in an irreconcilable conflict between his duty as a director and his personal interests.

Section 317 of the 1985 Act showed the importance that the legislature attached to the prin-ciple that a company should be protected against a director who had a conflict and duty.

Both before and after January

19, 1986, Mr Ward had owed a duty to tender to Guinness impartial and independent ad-vice untainted by any possibility of personal gain. By the agree-ment with the committee, he had debarred himself from giv-ing such impartial and indepen-dent advice.

For the purposes of the ap-peal, it had to be assumed that he had acted in good faith, believing that his services were rendered under contract binding on Guinness, and that in that mistaken belief he might have rendered services to Guinness of great value and contributed substantially to the enrichment

substantially to the enrichment of Guinness's shareholders.

Nevertheless, his failure to realise that he could not properly use his position as director of Guinness to obtain a contingent negotiating fee of £5.2 million did not excuse him or enable him to defeat the rules of entity that prohibited a trustee equity that prohibited a trustee from putting himself in a pos-ition in which his interests and that a trustee or any other fiduciary should not make a profit out of his trust,

Finally, Mr Ward resiste Finally, Mr Ward resisted judgment on Guinness's application in reliance on section 727 of the 1985 Act, which provided that if it appeared to the court that an officer of a company had acted homestly and reasonably and that in all the circumstances he ought fairly to be excused for his negligence, default, breach of thing or breach of finest the count might relieve him from his liability, either wholly or partly. But, by invoking that section

But, by invoking that section as a defence to Guinness's claim for repayment, Mr Ward sought an order of the court that would entitle him to remuneration without the authority of the

That would be a breach of the articles that protected shareholders and governed directors and of the principles of equity to which his Lordship

Lord Keith and Lord Bran-don agreed with Lord Templeman, Lord Goff delivered a concurring opinion and Lord Griffiths agreed with Lord Templeman and Lord Goff. Solicitors: Calow Essen; Her-

Plastic lemon container is protected

Reckitt and Colman Products III and Mark III as in the first offered by him were the goods or coming to the conclusion that Ltd (t/a Colmans of Norwich) ▼ Borden Inc and Others Before Lord Bridge of Harwich,

Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle [Speeches February 8]

In the law of passing off it had long been established that no man was to sell his goods as those of another. The common law would not recognize a monopoly in an

article itself. Thus any person could compete with another by copying the other's goods proed that the copier did not do so in such a way as to suggest that the copied goods were those of the other. Lawful competition would not be restricted by the ommon law. The House of Lords so held in

dismissing an appeal by the defendants, Borden Inc, Borden (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Bingham) (The Times April 23, 1988; [1988] FSR 601).

The Court of Appeal had dismissed an appeal by Borden from an order of Mr Justice Walton (The Times June 10, 1987; [1987] FSR 505) who had decided on an action by the plaintiffs, Reckitt and Colman Products Ltd, that passing off had been established because he found that purchasers of plastic lemons did not read the labels

but assumed they must be Jif.

Colman had been selling lemon juice in yellow plastic squeeze packs since 1956. Each pack held 55ml and resembled in size, shape and colour, a natural lemon and had a removable yellow cap at one end covering the nozzle.

The word "Jif" was embossed on it and a loose green triangular label with Jif printed in yellow, slipped over the nozzle and was held by the cap. The product came to be known as Jif lemon. In 1985 Borden proposed to introduce lemon-shaped containers for selling lemon juice, calling them "Mark I". Those containers were to contain 75ml of lemon juice and have a green cap and a flat portion on one

On December 4, 1985, Col-man issued a writ secking inter-alia, an injunction restraining Borden from passing off lemon juice not being Colman's as and for such lemon juice by the use of a get-up deceptively similar to

that used by Colman.
On Colman's motion for interlocutory relief Borden gave an undertaking in terms of the relief sought by Colman. Sub-sequently, Borden devised two other forms of get-up which were further removed from the Jif lemon and called them

Mr Justice Walton granted the relief sought. He found that Borden had acted fraudulently

but that finding was reversed in the Court of Appeal and Colman's cross-appeal against that decision had not been

Lord Alexander of Weedon, QC, Mr Geoffrey Hobbs and Mr Jonathan D. C. Turner for Borden; Mr Robin Jacob, QC and Mr Peter Prescott for

LORD BRIDGE said that the result of the appeal seemed to be to give Colman a de facto monopoly of the container as such which was just as effective as *de jure* monopoly.

A trader selling plastic lemon juice would never be permitted to register a lemon as his trade mark, but Colman had achieved the result indirectly that a Desgrum NV (formerly Suzy International NV) and Mo-Cormick (UK) plc (formerly Paterson Jenks plc), from an order of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Slade, Lord Institute NV). The result indirectly that a container designed to look like a real lemon was to be treated, per se, as distinctive of their goods. If his Lordship could find a way of avoiding that way of avoiding that result, he would. But the difficulty was that the trial judge's findings of fact, however, surprising they might seem, were not open to

> Given those findings, Lordship was constrained by the reasoning in the speeches of Lord Oliver and Lord Jauncey to accept that the judge's conclusion could not be faulted in law, With undersised education With undisguised reluctance his Lordship agreed that the appeal should be dismissed.

LORD OLIVER said that this was not a branch of the law in which reference to other cases was of any real assistance except analogically.
It had been observed more

than once that the questions which arose were, in general, questions of fact. Neither Boren nor Colman contended that the principles of law were in any

The law of passing off could be summarised in one short general proposition; no man might pass off his goods as those of another. More specifically, there were three elements which the plaintiff in such an action had to prove in order to succeed.

First, be must establish a goodwill attached to the goods or services which be supplied in the mind of the purchasing public by association with the identifying get-up (whether it consisted simply of a brand name or a trade description, or an individual feature of labelling or packaging) under which his particular goods or services were offered to the public, such that the get-up was recognized by the public as distinctive specifically of the plaintiff's goods or services.

Second, he must demonstrate a misrepresentation by the defendant to the public (whether or not intentional) leading or

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Thus the three issues in the instant case were as follows:

(i) Had Colman proved that the get-up under which their lemon juice had been sold since 1956 had become associated in the minds of substantial numbers of the purchasing public specifically and exclusively with Colman's (or Jif) lemon juice?

(ii) If the answer was "Yes", did the get-up under which Borden proposed to market their lemon juice in all or any of the Mark I, Mark II or Mark III versions amounted to a representation by Borden that the juice which they sold was Jif lemon juice? (iii) If the answer to that

question was in the affirmative, was it, on a balance of probabilities, likely that, if Borden were not restrained as they had been, a substantial number of members of the public would be misled into purchasing Borden's lemon juice in the belief that it

was Colman's Jif juice?
The judge's principal findings 1 There would be no difficulty

whatsoever in a careful shopper coming to the conclusion that neither the Mark I, II or III was a Jiflemon. It would merely be a question of reading the label.

Nevertheless, the evidence established beyond the slightest peradventure that the effect of the introduction of any of Borden's lemons on to the market would be bound to result in many housewives purchasing them in the belief that they were obtaining the well known and liked Jif brand.

3 Jif was and had for a long time been the only lemon-sized squeezy pack of lemon juice on the market. Since Colman took over the concept from its original inventor in 1957 Jif in that sense had reigned supreme.

4 Jif as a brand name, that is, a specific make of lemon juice produced by one particular proprietor, was well known

among shoppers generally.

5 Shoppers generally were well aware of the extractor of various other brands of lemon juice.

6 The crucial point of reference for a shopper who wished to purchase a Jif squeezy lemon was the lemon shape itself. Virtually no, if any, attention was paid to the label which that lemon bore. The shopper had no need to read the label, or pay any attention to it, in order to obtain the goods that she

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Third, he must demonstrate that he suffered or, in a quia timet action, that he was likely Borden's lemons. None of them was really sufficiently distinctive, nor were the labels such as to impinge sufficiently forcethat the item was not a Jif that each of Borden's lemons

was no more than an immaterial

variant of the Jif lemon.

On those findings, it was difficult to fault the conclusion at which both the judge and the Court of Appeal arrived, that the proposed use by Borden of any of their Mark I, Mark II or Mark III versions would con-stitute an actionable passing off in respect of which injunctive relief could properly be granted.
In the end, the question came down to whether Borden, in down to whether bottom, in deliberately adopting out of all the many possible shapes of container, a container having the most immediately striking feature of Cohman's get-up, had taken sufficient steps to distinguish their product from that of Colman: Payton & Co Ltd v Snelling. Lampard & Co Ltd ((1900) 17 RPC 48) per Lord

The essence of the action for passing off was a deceit prac-tised on the public and it could be no answer, in a case where it was demonstrable that the pubwas demonstrate that the pub-lic had been or would be deceived, that they would not have been if they had been more careful, more literate or more

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Customers had to be taken as Customers had to be taken as they were found: per Lord Blackburn in R. Johnson & Co v Archibald Orr Ewing & Co ((1882) 7 App Cas 219, 229). In the light of the trial judge's finding, there was no escape from the proposition that Colman were entitled to the injunction which they obscioned in the

form in which it was granted. It was pointed out that recent decisions of their Lordships' House, for instance, British Leyland Motor Corporation Ltd reprint rather Corporation Lia y Armstrong Patents Co Ltd ([1986] AC 577) and In re Coca Cola Co ([1986] | WLR 695) had stressed the suspicion with which the House regarded any attempt to extend or perpetuate a monopoly and it was suggested again that, because it was not easy in the circumstances of this market effectively to distinguish Borden's products for Colman's except at considerable expense, Colman were achieving, in effect, a perpetual monopoly in the lemon juice market in lemon-shaped squeeze packs.

His Lordship did not accept at

all that that was so, but in any event the principle that no man was entitled to steal another's trade by deceit was one of at east equal importance. Lord Brandon and Lord Goff

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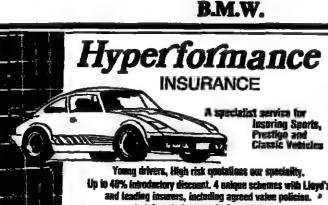
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Despite new legislation to protect them, thousands of children are injured in car accidents because they are not belted up

he chances are high that within hours of your reading this article a child will be killed or maimed in a car accident on Britain's roads - simply because drivers are neglecting to carry out one simple act of safety.

After a prolonged campaign, legislation was passed last year that children under the age of 14 should be strapped into seat belts where fitted in cars. It was the reaction to a death toll of more than 70 youngsters annually plus another 8,300 injured. The theory was simple: children

left to roam loose in cars are dangerous, both by damaging the concentration of drivers and because they are lethal missiles. waiting to be flung forward on

A five-year-old child becomes a flying 1.2-tonne lump in a col-lision at 30mph. That would give your son or daughter enough impetus to smash through the front two seats and on through the

warning - or at least one may think so. The worrying fact is that even since legislation, there is still a hard core of drivers who seem willing to chance their luck and their children's lives on the basis of "it will never happen to us".

According to the recent Lex Report on Motoring 1990, as many as 3 per cent of drivers say they will not make children use a seat belt or suitable child seat. It may not sound many at first, but extrapolated becomes a frighten-ing 600,000 children riding unrestrained in cars each day.

Unfortunately statistics can sometimes be misleading with many drivers erring on the side of caution when answering the sort of poll MORI carried out for Lex



Service. Figures are likely to be

Take a look around the supermarket car park tomorrow when you pick up the weekly load of groceries. How many parents load their children with the same care as they put the carrier bags of celery and dog food into the back

The police admit to having allowed a three-month period of grace up to the end of last year so

motorists could catch up with the legislation. There has not been a single conviction leading to the maximum £50 fine even though there are clearly many drivers not

obeying the law.

That may change soon though for chief police officers meeting next week will reconsider their "softly, softly" approach and may start clamping down on motorists who refuse to comply with the law Stephen Day, the Conservative MP for Cheadle Hulme, who introduced the legislation, realised there would be problems in forcing states to exceed the legislation. ing parents to ensure children are

"We have gone more than five months since the legislation and one would have thought there might have been at least one prosecution," he says. "I think it is surprising because there must be a percentage of the public which

does not know the law has

Day accepts that there is a hard core of drivers who can never be moved by pleadings, encourage-ment or even the law, but he refuses to be completely gloomy and has been encouraged by the response of many drivers who have started belting up their kids as a matter of habit.

They are the drivers who not only get the assurance of relatively safe children ... but quiet ones too, according to research from the United States.

team from the Department of Paediantes at Kansas University Medical Centre discovbetween two and four years be-came much more placid in the car when they were correctly belted in.

They may have kicked up a racket when the straps were put on, but at least the parents got the benefit of a quieter ride while children allowed to go free can

That could stand alone as an argument for belting up kids in the

■ The law as it stands: Drivers must ensure that children aged under 14 travelling in the rear seat are restrained where seatbelts are available. That is most likely to apply to new cars made after 1987. although also applies to older cars where restraints have been fitted. The Department of Transport says there will be no prosecutions of motorists where there are no rear belts fitted.

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International show dates

Dates for the diary: the British International Motor Show has moved from its October slot and will now open to the public from Saturday, September 22 until Sunday, September 30.

The Sports and Kit Car Show will be held on March 10 and 11 at Bingley Hall, Stafford.

Even in a recession, sales in luxury cars prosper. Rolls-Royce said January's sales were up by 26 per cent to 268. World sales were also up by 26 per cent, making the sales total for January of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys 440.

■ Who says petrol companies don't watch each other like hawks? Driving south along the M11 (which has no services), I turned off at junction 7 for petrol and headed along the A414 to Harlow at 3pm. At the top of the junction are two filling stations on opposite sides of the road. The BP station was closed because of a shift change. The Shell station immediately across the road was also closed . . . for a shift change.

Making the breakthrough

While the Europeans scratch their heads over how to hold back the Japanese, a new source of imports has slid through the open doors of the British market to build a

Proton cars, manufactured in Malaysia, were an unknown quantity when first shown at the British International Motor Show two

Even the Malaysians were not sure how they would fare in the fiercely competitive market up to its wing mirrors in cheap Ladas, Skodas and Yugos.
They need not have worried.
The original sales target of 5,000

was passed in six mouths and Proton executives believe they can achieve double by the end of the

first year of operation in March.

What they provide is the sort of winning combination which has steadily helped to build up a dependable and loyal following. There is reliability and interior marginess examined with an exterior roundness coupled with an exterior finish which is pleasing to the eye.

Proton also has the advantage of not having the sort of reputation which dogs Ladas and Skodas.



'Malaysia's Proton: first year of sales in UK beyond all expectations

Yet the company pricing policy is aggressive enough to put the Proton in the same sort of "cheap and cheerful" tracket as its East European rivals.

This year the company has been offering free servicing for two years or 24,000 miles to every customer who buys up to the end of March. There has also been a "buy now, pay later" scheme with no payments in the first quarter of the year other than a 20 per cent deposit or part exchange.

Slowly but surely the range goes apmarket, too, with the line-up stretched from about £6,000 to mearer £9,000 for some special

Peter King, Proton's managing director, says: "We have enjoyed tremendoms success in our first year in the British market. But we know like everyone else that things get tougher from here and we have to keep on selling to ensure we repeat our success."

t seemed the most glamorous machine on four wheels to a youngster more used to the chunky ugliness of stalwart British

After a ride in my father's dirty green buildozer of an Austin Westminster, it was home to watch the flickering black and white television for a weekly dose of Roger Moore as the Saint climbing into his long white Volvo sports car.

The P1800 seemed like something from the space age with its long fins and racy wheels. There was nothing else like it on the roads in those early years of the 1960s, just a tantalizing picture in my Observer Book of Cars and a weekly trip into fantasy with Simon Templar.

For drivers who can afford to indulge their fantasies, next week brings the chance to own the Volvo which transported the Saint around the gaming tables of Europe and in and out of the lives of a series of beautiful young

The car goes up for auction next Wednesday at Coy's of Kensington and is likely to attract as much as £30,000 - a little more than the original £2,800 price. With the car goes the log book and warranty forms both bearing the name of

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sen and Pressed Steel Fisher, however, the Swedes later decided to do the whole job themselves. By today's standards performance was not much to write home about, with about 110mph top speed available from the 115 brake horse power, 1,800cc four

Moore's car even came with a personalized number plate "ST 1" in the days before the rest of the world had thought of the registra-COMM CORRE

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Waste firm wins first NatWest high-tech loan

The first loan under a National Westminster scheme for technology-based small businesses was granted today to a company with a newly-patented method of toxic

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National Westminster Growth Options, the bank's venture cap-ital subsidiary, set up the Seed Capital Loan fund last May to invest in small technology businesses. The loans are made through another new section, the Technology Unit, which supervises managers, who recommend suitable recipients.

About 30 branch managers have been trained in technology fund-ing by NatWest and Coopers & Lybrand, the accountancy and management consultancy firm. Next month the number will rise to 40. They will be concentrated in technology-dominated areas - Glasgow, Manchester, Cambridge and the M4 corridor particularly. Growth Options provides loans of between £5,000 and £50,000 for

and marketing stage, and also takes shares in the enterprises. Investment for technology is scarce. Mr Duncan Matthews, the Technology Unit senior manager, says: "Venture capitalists have not normally been willing to lend at the smaller end of the market as they consider it may not be cost-

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sector have fewer than 10 employ-ces and the lack of funding has left a gap we think should be filled." Today's loan, for £32,500, goes to PGI Environmental Systems, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, to develop its disposal process. PGI is approaching government departments for a licence to operate next year, Britain has a two-year stockpile of spent industrial coolant solution for incineration PGI's loop is the two-year

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It is a dramatic switch for a woman who went straight into hairdressing when she left school at the age of 15 and had no other job for 29 years. Not that she is new at starting her own business from scratch.

After 11 years of working for someone else, Mrs Devine spotted a large electrical shop in Ware, Hertfordshire, that was closing down. She converted it into a women's hairdressers and set up

Changing the use of the premises meant there was no existing clientele to draw on, so the whole business had to be started from nothing. Last sum-mer, the battle long since won, she sold out to a member of her staff who had been with her for six

Early retirement, however, did not come easy to Mrs Devine. She simply became bored at home. The problem, she admits, was that after running the shop and then leaving that behind, she knew she could not work for anyone else.

Several months later she was shopping in a pedestrian precinct in the centre of Hertford, her some town, and she spotted a kiosk up for rent.

An enterprising developer had realized that a narrow alley at the side of the gas showrooms could be put to profitable use if it had a started, but I don't mind a



roof and a back wall. Mrs Devine took on the shell with bare walls and put in a five-foot wide shop front. A bright yellow canopy attracts the attention of passers-by to her stock of hand-made Belgian

As she stands amid trays of cherries in kirsch and praline fudge, she takes a philosophical view: "I didn't have a clue when I

challenge, If I flop I've only myself in local offices bought selections to blame. My husband admired me for taking on the venture."

Keeping stock is difficult in only 84 sq ft of space, but Mrs Devine manages to store 20 cases, with deliveries arriving every week from the supplier of Leonidas chocolates, which are available at only eight outlets in England. Each gift-wrapped pound costs £5.30. Christmas was hectic as bosses

for female staff. In fact, trade was so heavy that husband Richard and son Justin had to squeeze into the shop to wrap boxes as Mrs

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Mr Tom O'Connor has taken up the chairmanship of the Confederation of British Industry's Smaller Firms Council, He succeeds Mr Harry Kleeman. Mr O'Connor, managing director of Elm Plastics, of Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland, joined the SFC in 1982. He is a foruser chairman of the CBI's northern chairman of the CBI's northern

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By following last year's trium-phant tour of England with last match became, instead, victory in the three-match the match that never was. It series against Pakistan, which was wound up here yesterday, Australia may claim, with justification, to be one of the two best sides in the world. That is greatly to their credit, quite apart from being good for cricket.

Allan Border will be proud of his side. They have worked desperately. very hard at their game, and they play as a team. Against anyone but England they lack the authentic speed and quality of spin to win matches easily. But they are catching well and have made more than enough runs in their last 14 Test matches, of which they have won seven and drawn seven, to put all the sides they have met in that time, including West Indies, under

The next test Australia have to pass comes in the middle of next month when they meet New Zealand in Wellington, It yesterday Waqar Younus did is the only Test match of a short tour, and if Richard Hadlee should be bowling for New Zealand, he has a nasty way of exposing unsuspected

It was a pity that the series with Pakistan had to end in

was washed away, with little trace, in Sydney's wettest week for 100 years. But on the evidence of the first two Tests, both excellent games, Australia were unquestionably the stronger, more disciplined, more confident side. Almost always Pakistan seemed to be just hanging on, usually rather

This is reflected in the fact that Javed Miandad, a brilliant strokeplayer though he is, batted all told for 12 hours 25 minutes for his 190 runs. He gave his time to trying to shore up one innings after another after Pakistan's first three batsmen - Shoaib, Aamir and Rameez - had found Alderman, Hughes and

Rackemann too much for them. Miandad, Imran Khan, Wasim Akram and Ijaz Ahmed had, more or less, to carry the Pakistan side, although bowl a lively and decidedly promising spell.

Wasim was the man of the series. When asked to name the best bowler he has faced during his amazingly successful first year in Test cricket, Mark Taylor was in no doubt;

National boards to act on Pakistan walk-off

Sydney (AFP) — The Australian and Pakistani boards said yesterday they would address the walk-off by Pakistan, last month, in the four-day match

The Pakistan manager, Intikhab Alam, led his side off the Melbourse Cricket Ground the Melbourse Cricket Ground
after the umpire, Robin
Ballack, we do all
Musking Ahmed, out of the
attack, after two warnings for
running on the pire.
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(ACB) said it had examined a report on the incident by the Victorian Cricket Association,

Meanwhile, the Sri Lamma
pace bowler, Rumesh
Ratnayake, has accused the
Queenshad Crichet Americano
(QCA) of treating the touring
team like "dogs" after they were
forced out of the Brisbane
Cricket foround practice nets

The Sri Lankan captain, Arjum Raustunga, said the QCA seemed more concerned about a Sheffield Shield side, about a Shement Spacing side, which does not play for a week, than an international side which plays in two days. The QCA said the Sri Lankans had had all day to practise but most of the Shement worked during the day.

- even taking in the West Indies. The thing about the West Indians is that they have the best bowling attack. Four blokes who bowi very quick and keep the pressure on all the time. Wasim Akram is the best on his own. He can do things others can't seem to do. He's right up there for pace, and he seems able to swing both the old and the new bowl, and to land it on the spot." That is a fine tribute, though

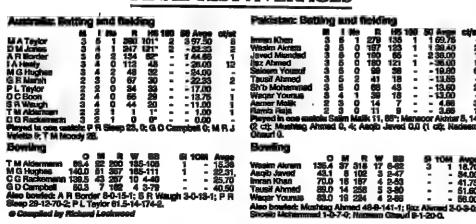
Taylor has yet to face Hadlee. England will need to play above themselves if they are to recover the Ashes when they come here later this year, a visit that is already eagerly awaited. It is very unlikely, for example, that the English attack which is now in West Indies, or, come to that, the one in Johannesburg, would have bowled with anything like such control as Australia's has against Pakistan. Even so, Imran cannot see

Australia beating West Indies when they go there early next year. He thinks their bowling will lack the necessary variety. Right to the last Pakistan's catching let them down. And in the last month that has been as crucial as anything. A series which began with Taylor being dropped when he was four (he went on to make 52) ended yesterday with his being put down, also at slip, when he was 26, and this time he made 101 not out, his sixth century and twelfth 50 in only his 22nd Test innings, "Awe-some" was how Border some" was how Border described Taylor's consistency, and Border is quite an exacting fellow.

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D M James, B R Waugh, † A Healy, P L Teylar, M G Hughes, C G Rastomary and T Ø Alderman did not bel. BOWLING: Ahrem 10-3-29-0 (8 nb): Imre 17-2-32-0 (1 nb); Tauseef 19-3-62-1 Chauri 8-1-20-0; Waqar 9-4-21-1; ijaz 2-0

FINAL TEST AVERAGES



England show resistance in second innings

Perth — England came within two runs of making Australia bet again in the third and final youth international match here yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). England were bowled out for 272 in their second innings, giving Australia victory by an innings and two runs to complete a 1-0 win in the

England resumed on the third morning on 123 for three with Keech and the nightwatchman, Hallett, at the wicket. Hallett went with the score on 142, and well caught on the leg side by Castle off Oliver. Keech and Butler, who between them made only one half-century on the tour, both went cheaply, but a determined partnership be-tween Noon and Radford took the score to 230 before Radford

Noon's resistance ended two runs later, but Gough and Cork weathered an onslaught by Cottrell, who eventually had Gough caught to complete an Australian victory.

SCORES: Australie 345 (J C Young 69, B R Ruddel 68, L D Harper 53; J C Hellett 5-73); England 71 and 272 (P C L Hellottsy 44, J P Crayley 43; S G Cottrell 4 for 50, S B Cliver 4 for 95).

Vengsarkar should be a stabilizing factor

From Qamer Ahmed, Napier

The start of the second Test match between New Zealand and India, scheduled to begin at Mclean Park today, may be delayed because of rain, although the ground abould be spared from Cyclone Ofa, which has been causing havoc in the South Paris.

Happily, the forecast for the area is not menacing which is good news for local supporters for the only other Test played on the ground was 11 years ago. India have announced their

team, which is the same as in the first Test except that in place of the injured opening batsmen, Navjot Sidhu, who will be leaving for home today, Vengsarkar, who arrived only on Wednesday, has been in-cluded and should stiffen the batting. With Sidhu gone, Ra-man and Prabhakar will open the innings following their sizeable partnership in the second innings at Christchurch.

The only worry in the Indian camp is a bruise on Kapil Dev's left foot. He was limping slightly as they went for a practice session yesterday and he pre-ferred not to bowl.

Last night, as the touring team celebrated Azharuddin's 28th birthday, Kapil said: "The foot

is slightly swollen and bruised but I think I will be fit." At their practice, the Indian had a surprise visitor in Colin Cowdrey, the former England captain who is now chairman of the International Cricket Council. He will be watching the first two days of play after meeting the Australian and Pakistan

players in Sydney. "Having been born in India I am available, in case you need the for the first two days," he said jokingly to the Indian coach, Bishen Bedi.

New Zealand, who expect the Indians to put up much stiffer resistance this time, are likely to leave the medium-pace bowler, Thomson, out of their party in conditions which may well be tailor-made for the record-breaking Hadlee.

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OTHER SPORT SMOCKER: Benson and Hedges Masters ANG- L'TA Men's Challenger (Tellord).

SPORT ON TV

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Singapore.

BASKETEALL: Screensport 7-8.30am
and 3.30-5pm: Assertican Leeguer
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game.
ICE HOCKEY: Sovereport 7.30-8.50pm;
Franch Leighaic Roven v Grenoble.
POWERSPORTS GRECIAL and BITTENNATIONAL: Screensport 2.30-3.30 and 5epm; SKRNG: ITV 3.30-4.30am (tomorrow): Ski Tipa and Ski World.

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SNOOKER: BBC2 4-5pm: and BBC1
10.25-11.45pm: Coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters from Wembley.

SPORT ON FRIENT: BBC2 2.50-4pm: Shooker: Coverage of the Benson and Hedges Mesters: Third quester-final. UPDATE: Screensport 7.30pm.

WATER POLO: Screensport 8.20-10em and 10.30-11pm: Highlights of France v world Air Stern (1960), and 1980 Polo WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 9.30-10.30pm.

 Austyn Shortman, from Bristol, who won two silver relay medals for England at Auckand, has another chance to display his freestyle prowess in the World Cup meeting in Gothenburg this weekend.

Vinnicombe's attack on the kilometre

CYCLING

Sydney - Martin Vinnicombe, the Australian track man who retained his Commonwealth Games kilometer title in Auckland, plans to attack his own world record time of 1min 02.82sec in Perth next month (Peter Bryan writes).

He had believed that the record was beaten earlier by the Soviet rider, Aleksandr Kirichenko, by 0.14sec but the sport's governing body, the Union Cycliste Internationale, has not ratified the Ukrainian rider's time. Kirichenko beat Vinnicombe for the gold medal at the Seoul Olympics,

Vinnicombe will make his attempt during the Australian professional track championships at the Perth Velodrome, which is covered, on March 4. His 1min 02.82sec time was set on the indoor track at Launceston. Tasmania, last year.

so good," Strange said. "Quite honestly, all anybody can do, whether the greens are slow and bumpy or good and smooth, is aim it and hit it. You've got to to stay positive, day in, day out." Strange should have no cause

critical ones.

almost £150,000.

Strange is well aware that he could confront such a putt, because with Nick Faldo, Greg Norman and Jumbo Ozaki completing the field, there is every likelihood of the two-tie, all-tie format helping to create a record "skins" prize. There is around £300,000 in the overall fund. to complain about the course or the condition of the greens here. They are firm, fast and true and the collar of ankle-deep rough which surrounds them is reminiscent of that to be found

Strange emphasized his liking for this form of golf earlier this year when he won a total of \$340,101 against Jack Nicklaus, Raymond Floyd and Lee

By George Rae

Gratefully liberated from the Grand National debate, Desert

Orchid yesterday returned to what he does best: winning

Inndicently.

After being denied clear opportunities in handicaps at Sandown Park and Ascot, he

made the most of a simple task in the Racing In Wessex Chase at Wincanton, beating Bartres by 20 lengths with Mzima

Spring another length and a half

Spring another length and a hair away, third.

Although Desert Orchid came home in spiendid isolation he was accompanied, and even temporarily led, in the back straight by his fellow grey Mzima Spring. The two remained locked together, like a case of double vision, until Richard Dunwoody asked Desert Orchid to assert his

stages, a sad reward for a spirited effort.

teasing putt with more than

£100,000 at stake is not one that

should greatly concern Curtis Strange in the Nissan Super Skins tournament, which starts

on the Mirage Resort course

Only two weeks ago Arnold Palmer, whose ability to sink the critical putts must now be

questioned, courageously survived such a situation in the

Seniors Skins event in Hawaii

by holing out to win a cheque of almost £150,000.

STUDENT SPORT

Rugby players fall foul of inclement weather

The bad weather drove even rugby union players in from the cold on Wednesday. Bristol Polytechnic, the Barciays BPSA runners-up last year, and City of London had fought their way to a 0-0 draw in the quarter-final at Chigwell amid appalling conditions; the two captains and referee then found themselves uncertain what to do next.

The procedure would have been to play extra time, but neither side was too enthusias-tic, so the draw was allowed to stand and Bristol, who hope to have Matt De Maid back from Cardiff duty and Ben Atkins, their Welsh Students squad forward, fit again after breaking an ankle in November, will stage the replay next Wednesday.

The other match will be between Leeds, who beat Liverpool 15-3, and South-West Barrett, the Leeds No. 8. opened the scoring with from 25 yards as Leeds dominated the set pieces and kept play tight. against Leeds, but recovered in two teams will be Pepper and Mycock, the latter the second half to triumph 3-2. yellow and red cards.

from the only fluent back move of the game, added tries in the second half. South-West, at home against

on courses prepared for the US Open. Strange, of course, beat

South Bank, failed to use the wind in the first half and went into the interval trailing 4-3.
Tries by Matthew Housen, from a lineout close in, and Andrew Jackman, the stand-off half, from an elusive run on the blind side, earned the Plymouth side victory.

A goal two minutes from time by Jez Hansboro in the football championship carned Stafford-shire a place in the semi-finals at Newcastle's expense. But there was dismay for the

men's hockey champions, Staff-ordshire, who went down 2-0 at Sheffield. Kingston needed extra time, then penalty strokes, to dispose of Bristol, Neil Pendle scoring twice in the 3-3 draw. In the women's competition, the champions, Liverpool, trailed 2-I to two goals by Nikki Willis

Slough again

the team to beat indoors Judging by their performance in

the Typhoo National League. Slough will be hard to beat when they defend their title at the they detend their title at the women's indoor hockey finals at Crystal Palace this weekend (Joyce Whitehead writes).

The club championship begins tomorrow at 1.10pm. Slough are in section two with Ipswich, Clifton, Sutton Coldfield and Liverpool. Section one contains. Sherwood, Cheller.

contains Sherwood, Chelten-ham, Ely, Chelmsford and Hightown

The schools indoor championship finals will run in conjunction with the club finals. starting at Crystal Palace today at 3.10pm.

• Glasgow Western, the Scot-

tish champions, have secured sponsorship from Guytech which will enable them to compete outdoors and indoors in Europe. To be known as Guytech Western, the club could earn up to £80,000 over the next five years from the deal which is based on results. Under a disciplinary bonus, the club's two teams will be fined for

GYMNASTICS

More emphasis for sport acrobatics

The British Amateur Gym- elopment of the sport will be nastics Association is to prepare taken into account in the re-a new proficiency scheme for newal of the scheme for which writes).

sponsorship of Midland Bank. nasts, either of the same sex or The expanding technical dev-mixed. The market for the

sports acrobatics, now a fast-growing branch of competitive

As before, the scheme's progrowing branch of competitive As before, the scheme's progymnastics (Peter Aykroyd gramme will concentrate on proficiency in acrobatic and The original scheme was gymnastic movements carried launched in 1982 with the out to music by pairs of gym-

clubs and 20,000 schools. Sports acrobatics has found favour among schools, particularly the primary schools. It has a dance-based, creative and unisex approach, gymnasts are inter-dependent on each other when performing routines, and no equipment is needed apart from a large floor mat.

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scheme is presently some 100

anza Boy in great heart and on schedule to go to Cheltenham without another run. Pipe celebrated a smaller triumph with the 25 length vic-tory of Trefelyn Cone in the Hoechst Panacur Mares Only her first win over hurdles al-though the versatile six-year-old has already won point-to-points and has this season registered three victories in National Huat

New Wincanton stand

Wincarnos will have a new stand ready in time for the October fixture. It will cost £450,000 of which the Levy Board has provided £175,000 as an in-

nia. He did chip in for one cheque for \$173,259 during that

event, but also holed a long putt at the last for a prize of \$89,838. So although Faldo has the reputation of being a more reliable putter than the Ameri-

can, there can be little doubt that Strange has the right atti-tude when it comes to holing the

"Let's face it, we talk our-

selves into putts when we are going good and talk ourselves out of them when things are not

have had a race," Desert Or-

chid's trainer, David Elsworth, said. "That's three times in the

last seven days he's been in a horse box and he's used up a fair

bit of nervous energy in the

"He will need another race before the Gold Cup so we're

looking at the Jim Ford Chase

bere or perhaps the Racing Post Chase at Kempton. We made the right decision to miss Ascot and come here instead, although

Desert Orchid remains 5-2

am Gold Cup for a

favourite with Ladbrokes to win

Richard Dunwoody asked Desert Orchid to assert his authority on the turn for home.

Daylight rapidly appeared and despite an uncharacteristically clumsy jump at the third last Desert Orchid was soon clear. Barries ran on to steal second place close home as Maima Spring had alipped a tendon off a hock in the closing stages, a sad reward for a provided £175,000 as an in-iterat-free loan.

Foundations are now going in for a completely new three-tier-building, facing down the course, to cater for sponsors, corporate entertainment and members. The completion date is August.
Positioned just beyond the

Novices Hurdle qualifier. It was

Flying greys: Mzima Spring (Brendan Powell, right) keeping Desert Orchid (Richard Dunwoody) company on the first circuit at Wincanton

Desert Orchid tunes up in style

Bonanza Boy 4-1 and Carvill's

Martin Pipe confirmed Bon-

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flat races.

judge's box, the traditionally styled building will have three hospitality rooms for a total of 150 people on the ground floor, tiered seating for 132 people on the first floor together with bars, tote and standing room, while the top level will have seven

private boxes eac accommodating up to 16 people. The new stand has also been designed to eliminate any prob-lems for disabled racegoers.

US Open and he retained that

Even so, Strange, who will compete in the Australian Mas-

ters alongside Faldo and Nor-

man at Huntingdale.

Melbourne, next week, has let it be known that the US Masters will be his prime objective this year. It still rankles with him that, in 1985, he let slip a

winning opportunity by hitting his second shot at the long 13th into the watery grave known as Rae's Creek.

Faldo will be the defending champion at Augusta, where, if the computer is correct, he

should arrive in April as the world No. 1, having knocked Greg Norman off that perch. As for this tournament, Faldo

said: "It will not be easy because

I have not played this course before. I'm working on a few new things with the swing as a result of being with David Leadbetter for the last four days

but I have not played compet-itively for seven weeks."

HOCKEY

title last year.

for her and I'll try to get in another run beforehund." Peter Scudamore is likely to ride Pipe's Ambassador, heavily

supported anti-post for the Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury to-morrow, although the trainer is not yet certain whether to run his other entry, Liadett. Looking ahead to the Grand National, Pipe said: "Fill be looking to have about three looking to have about three runners in the race, that's why I entered nine. I don't know how they'll line up, they've got to get there first, haven't they?"

Sine has but his granderde

Pipe has, by his standards, had a quiet spell with only four winners in the last two weeks. "There have been one or two little things but nothing we could really put our fingers on. Perhaps it's just the run of the same. You can't win them all." Jenny Pitman is likely to be at least doubly represented in the Sun Alliance Chase at Cheltenham next month following the emphatic win of Garrison Savannah in the Wincanton Challenge Cup Novices Chase. Royal Athlete, an impressive winner at Ascot on Wednesday, is already assured of a place in

the field. "Gerrison Savannah had to win well for us to even consider

"and he did just that. Mark will decide which one to ride nearer the time but Garrison Savannah is a far better horse on good

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Mrs Pitman also had news of Mrs Pitman also had news of Don Valentino, the 6-1 joint favourite for the Tote Gold Trophy. "He is as well as he can be without a race this season, and the weight going up won't help him," she said. "He'll be out there doing his best but he's not there to be thrashed either."

Mrs Pitman confirmed Toby Tobias a runner in the Byrne Brothers Compton Chase on the

Cagnes raiders out in force

William Hestings-Bass and Charlie Netson have their first runners of the year at Cagnes-sur-Mer today.

Hasting-Bass runs recent Lingfield Park winner Mont-pelier Lad (John Reid) in the Prix d'Ajaccio and the royal trainer's Bashful Boy takes on Neison's Double Encore and Churie Booth's Barram in the Prix de Docton Gazagnaire.

SWIMMING

Putting for a king's ransom | Gillingham's eyes on clock at Bonn ect of standing over a Trevino at La Quinta, Califor- Faldo in a play-off for the 1988

From Craig Lord, Bonn

Nick Gillingham, of Birmingham, will seek to wipe out his Commonwealth Games 200 metres breaststroke defeat when he clashes with a world-class field at the Arena Festival World Cup short course meeting in Bonn this weekend.

Gillingham will face Jon Cleveland, the Canadian who took gold in Auckland. While victory for the British and European champion and record holder would be sweet revenge, Gillingham is likely to be more concerned with his time.

At the Games, a 2min 16.02sec left the Briton trailing

third, more than three seconds adrift of his personal best of 2min 12.90sec, set at the Euro-pean championships in Bonn last autumn. That time broke the world record, but less than 36 hours later Gillingham learned that Mike Barrowman,

of the United States, had swum 0.01sec faster. Six other English internationals make up the rest of the squad. Madelaine Scarborough, a Portsmouth school teacher, will try to maintain the form that won her a bronze medal in Auckland at 100 metres butterfly. With a full East German

team present in Bonn. Scar-

borough will certainly not lack Mike Fibbens, of Barnet, winner of two silvers and a bronze at Auckland, faces a tough time on the world sprint stage. While racing against the likes of Matt Biondi, the Ameriat the Seoul Olympics, should pull Fibbens to fast times, he is sure to have one eye on his team mate. Austyn Shortman, aged 17, of Bristol. The teenager had his first taste of top competition in New 2001-2014 in New Zealand and proved himself one of Britain's best

prospects, bringing home two relay silver medals and a sub-50 second split on the 100 metres freestyle leg. Caroline Woodcock, of Bar-net, Katherine Read, from Norwich, and Steven Dronsfield, of Leeds, make up the squad.

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ENGLAND TEAMS Merr. N Polideghems
(Truro City), competing in 50m and 100m
breaststroke; I Mickenzie (Erraintree and
Bocking), 50 and 100m breaststroke; P
Pederzoell (Barnet Copting), 200 and
400m individual medley and 200m frestyle; A Shortzeas (Bristol Central), 50 and
100m freestyle and 50 and 100m backstroke. Woment L. Raester (Portemosh
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(Haywards Heath), 50 and 100m freestyle.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Hornets reaffirm co-operative ethic

Lancashire mill town which hitherto had only three claims to fame has unexpectedly become the centre of a sporting boom.

Rochdale is best known as the birthplace of the Co-operative movement, Gracie Fields and Cyril Smith. All the town wants to talk about now is the achievements of its rugby league club, Rochdale Hornets. Their win over Carlisle in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup first round took them into the last 16 of the competition. They play the Brit-ish and world club champions.

Widnes, away on Sunday, The revival of Hornets has confounded all pre-season predictions. They lead the sec-ond division with only two defeats in 17 matches, ahead of many fancied sides. Paul Reyn-

olds, the Hornets secretary, has ready answers when asked about the startling emergence of the team from humdrum seconddivision mediocrity to become determined and purposeful challengers for a place in di-vision one. It all stems from an

amazing windfall.
"We sold our old stadium, the Athletic Grounds, for £2.4 million, to a property and development company, and moved in with the football club. We raised a few cycbrows when we

paid £50,000 to Warrington for John Woods, the former Great Britain half back, who still has a few years of good rugby left in him and appointed Allan Agar as coach," Reynolds said. The club has bought Andy Sullivan from Widnes, Mark Lord from Leeds, Mark Viller and John Myler from Swinton.

and the New Zealanders, Mark Nixon and Dean Lonergan. Reynolds adds that during the next close season Horners w look to buy more experienced players and leading youngsters.

particularly if they win promotion. The local council is showing faith in both of the town's main

sporting organizations by promising grants for ground development and the provision of new training areas. The optimism at the rughy league club, however, is tem-

pered by Dick Bonser, a director who was a gifted back-row forward for several Lancashite of clubs. "I don't think we're quite ready for division one yet, but in three years' time we will be," he

The last time Homets won a Significant trophy was in 1921-22, when they took the Chall-enge Cup at Leeds,

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TETIMES RAC



Testing ground to aid Macroom in quest for third course victory

No horse will be better suited by the heavy ground at Newbury today than Macroom, who is napped to win the Fairview New Homes Handicap Chase and thereby register his third victory at the Barkshire track. Berkshire track.

All of Macroom's other victories have been gained at Lingfield where the ground was invariably bottomiess in mid-winter prior to the advent of an all-weather track.

Last time out at Ascot, the Stan Mellor trained eight-year-old found the ground a bit too lively when he finished only third behind his stable companion Zuko and Ballyhane in a handicap for which he started favourite on the strength of his runaway

Tobias at Wincanton on Boxwin over today's course and distance at the end of last year.

12 lengths from Steeple View, better bet as Door Latch, who was by no means dis-graced at Warwick next time queror and Pucks Place also

The meeting at Newbury today goes ahead, provided there is no deterioration in the weather.

out when going under by 21/2 lengths to Pharaoh's Laen who had won his previous race casily.

Steeple View reopposes Macroom this afternoon but on only 81b better terms, I still doubt him beating my nap. Boraceva would constitute a much greater danger here if only he could get his act together again. When he won his last four races last season he revealed that he had more than sufficient staming to Scuciamore.

After spending his formative days in France where he was successful over 1½ on the Flat, Silver King was beaten three-quarters of a length by Star Of The Glen when he made his British than sufficient stamina to cope with the sort of conditions that he will encounter this afternoon.

ing Day. On that occasion he won by Macroom looks much the

will have to improve considerably on recent efforts if they are to beat him on these terms.

Silver King, who won by a distance at Newton Abbot three weeks ago when the going was equally heavy, now looks a fair bet to win the Stroud Green Hurdle for the racing company organised by Martin Pipe and Peter

Scudamore. beaten three-quarters of a length by Star Of The Glen when he made his British debut over today's course and distance in December.

He should take care of that However, this seaso he has horse now on 5lb better terms, fallen twice prior to finishing a but while Able Leader, Leigh Boy and Man For All Seasons could prove troublesome, I rill think that Silver King will be hard to catch in these conditions.

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Cricklade Handicap Hurdle.

Yet I still doubt them beating

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Novices' Chase for David

companion Duntree could

well be foiled by Devil's

At Sedgefield, I like the look of The Maltkiln's chance of

winning the Ramside Handi-

cap Chase after twice finishing

a close second, each time

when out of the handicap.

It may be expecting too much of Deep Prospect, unbeaten in four races in 1988 when with Mercy Rimell, to make a winning comeback for his new stable after an absence of two years. Therefore, I am looking to the David Nicholsou-trained SAN-RALLAT to lead the Charles theat versatile character Ghofar, who won the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup on his last visit to the track. Following a couple of BALLAT to land the Charles Higgins Hunters' Chase (3.30) promising runs over fences, For the Grain should manage at Newbory today.

In Ireland last season, he landed a gamble in his first point-to-point, he then beat the Downpatrick bunter chase winner Third Edition very easily in Nicholson and Richard Dunwoody but his stable his second before ending the season with a facile win in a maiden hunter chase at Down Valley in his attempt to win the Highland Spring Novices

> Certain Light out for season Certain Light, the champion hunter chaser of 1988, is out for

The 12-year-old was found to have heat in his off-fore leg after completing his final piece of work for the new season recently followers of Gordon at his trainer Jean Campbell's farm in Pinckley, Kent. Richards's stable with a treble.

Sanballat Morley Street out Southwell has smart of Wessel Hurdle sunk by

the Wessel Cable Champion
Hurdle at Leopardstown tomorrow, has been confirmed as a
definite non-starter.
He also misses the Tote Gold

He also misses the Tote Good Trophy at Newbury tomorrow for which he was a possible. Toby Balding said: "He just didn't work quite as well as I wanted him to on Tuesday. He's got a raised white cell count, which would indicate some sort of mines infection."

which would indicate some sort of minor infection."

Morley Street will now go for the Kingwell Hurdle at Winoanton on February 22 in preparation for a tilt at the Champion Hurdle.

Balding revealed that around half a dozen horses at his Fyfield House stable are coughing but stable star Beech Road, 7-4 favourite to retain his Champion Hurdle crown is

pion Hurdle crown, is unaffected.

He is pencilled in for the 'National Spirit' Challenge Trophy at Fontwell Park on February 19 before joining his stablemate at Cheltenham. Cettic Shot was reported to be in good shape after his beavy fall in the Old Securities Reynoldstown Novices' Chase at Ascot on Wednesday.

"He's got a bit of a cut on his near-fore pastern, but otherwise.

near-fore pastern, but otherwise he's fine," said his trainer, Charlie Brooks.

effectively ruled himself out of the Gold Cup and will now probably go for the Arkie Chall-



three miles for the first time in an attempt to test his stamina an attempt to test his stamma potential for a possible thit at this year's chasing blue riband. His numble – at the fourth last – came too early to judge whether he would have stayed,

the's fine," said his trainer, charlie Brooks.

The former champion hurdler effectively ruled himself out of the race. The Arkle Challenge

flood water Racing at Southwell's all-wea scacing at Southwell's all-wea-ther track yesterday was called off — in bright sumshine. Following earlier rainstorms, water was still lying on the course in three places, 40 min-ates before the first scheduled race. The stewards decided to call off the meeting minutes after 1pm. Ipm. This was the first time that the fibresand surface has failed to cope with conditions. Fog caused the abandonment of the

Festival.
Celtic Shot was running over

He added: "The Gold Cup

nge Trophy at the Cheltenham

Mrs Groves stressed the track. but Brooks said: "I still believe he wants a trip."

Trophy will be his most likely Cheltenham target."

caused the abandonment of the card on November 14.
Clerk of the course Jame Groves only contacted the Press Association at 12.40 — after the first precautionary inspection at 12.30 — but had been in touch with the course stewards since early morning.
Neighbouring farms and factories answered an SOS with pumps to fight back the water, but they could not do the job in time. **Toby Balding: Wincanton** plan for Morley Street

Mrs Groves stressed the track was clear at 8 am, but shortly after water was discovered and pumping started at 8.30.

"We were confident we were going to race" said Mrs Groves.

"It is always difficult in a situation like this to know how love. long it will take to pump off the

However, it was stress the all-weather surface had drained properly, but due to the water table being so high, there was nowhere for the surplus

4 220- COPELAND LAD 287 (F) J Johnson 8-10-10

11-8 Choctaw, 11-4 Little Mynd, 11-2 Clares Own.

1 222- TRESIDOER 206 (CD,G,S) M W Essimby 8-12-0

3.30 HORDEN HANDICAP CHASE (£2,588: 2m 4f)

4 DIPS CASTLEVENNON 34 (COLF,G,S) Mrs S Bramel G-11-5 Mr II Wilson 5 F-03 MOUNTAIN CRASH 34 (O,F,G,S) J Edwards

8 F4 BARONY SLE 16 (S) C Thoman 9-10-0 A Ordony 7 3972 RECHARDS BAY 13 (S) I Sample 9-10-0 J Kilomen B 100- BICENSE 284 (B,D,B) D Standsoftwar 10-10-0

4.0 LEVY BOARD NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE

LSO LADBROKE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,795: 3m

9-4 Leckter, 7-2 Treekider, 4-1 Cestlevennon.

1 1216 JANES JOY 21 (DJF) Mrs G Rendey 5-12-0

2 29F0 KINGS QUEST 30 (CO.F) J O'Nell 5-11-8 F Mar 3 1635 CLIPPERS DREAM 6 (O.F) J Jefferson 7-11-5

(£1,618: 2m) (9)

5 DUNG LINGHAM DUCKE 16 J Swins 9-10-10

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Selections

1.30 For The Grain. 2.00 Devil's Valley. 2.30 MACROOM (nap).

3.00 Silver King, 3.30 Flarey Sark, 4.00 Ghofar,

By Michael Seely 1.30 For The Grain, 2.30 MACROOM (nap), 3.00 Silver King.

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1.30 ALDERMASTON NOVICES CHASE (£3,678: 2m 150yd) (10 numers)

BETTING: 18-11 For The Grain, 11-4 Royel Pavilion, 18-2 Artiul Abbot, 8-1 Caffieri, 12-1 Wilsthire Yeo-men, 14-1 Strictly Business, 16-1 others. 1989: JUVEN LIGHT 8-18-2 P Scudemore (4-7 tev) R Abshuret Sten

FORM FOCUS ARTPUL ABBOT won on final start over hurding set Cheltenhem (2m, good to firm). Althgough bedden 11 by Atig, was later ewarded the race. Southwell (2m 4f., heavy).

FOR THE GRABH followed up 201 2nd to Young Snught at Kempon (2m, good) when \$1/2 and to Certain Style over the same course (2m 4f., good), pair clear. May face an easier task here. High-Falls, fit from a recent run on the Fix, won only start over

2.0 HIGHLAND SPRING/ROA NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £3,540; 2m 4f 120yd) (24

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201	1-61	DUNTREE 16 (5) (Mrs J Mould) D Nicholson 5-11-11	ě
200	21	WEBBS WONDER 42 (Q) (Jars M Webb) P Hobbs 5-11-11 Poter Hebbs	ě
204	80-3	ADMIRAL'S LEAP 80 (Quien Eksheth) F Weingn 5-11-5 K Meoney	ă
206		AMOTHER CHUISE 21 (J Price) M Brown 5-11-6 J Brown (7)	ā
206	5-26	ASK MOSS 13 (Duke Of Athol) G Baiding 5-11-8 J Freet (٥ŏ
207		BEACH TIGER 21 (Mrs A Gerrett) J King 6-11-0	-
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210		DR ROCKET 68 (G Downey) R Dickin 5-11-5	_
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212			_
213	04	HEART OF KINGS 21 (A Fairbarra) J Gillord 5-11-5	8
214		INSIGHT STAR 32 (Insight Curtons Ltd) N Gaussian 5-11-5	_
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216		KEEP TALKING 305 (Airs M Radbourne) B Smart 5-11-5 8 McNell	_
217		PAT CULLEN 41 (BF.S) (P Mathieu) D Murray Smith 5-11-6	
218		PRAIRIE STORM 18 (A Water) T Etherington 6-11-6	
21 9	66-3	PURBECK DOVE 24 (H Perry) Mrs H Perrott 5-11-6	
220	90/00	RDIG RUSSELL 10 (R McLoughin) A Turnell 7-11-8 A Durain (7)	_
221	3	SUNSET COURT 32 (C Cronin Ltd) C Brooks 8-11-6	
222	PO	TAGENOUN CHAUFOUR 4 (Avaion Surfacing Ltd) A Berrow 5-11-8 W invice	7
223	0	THE HUCKLEBUCK 3 (Mrs C Dickin) R Dickin 5-11-8	_
		KELLERYON (Lady Carden) N Géneles #-11-1 B Powell	-
	BETTER!	5.2 Davi's Valley, 7-2 Webbs Wonder, 4-1 Susset Court, 11-2 Dontree, 8-1 Neart Of Kir	No.

Ask Moss, 10-1 Admiral's Lesp, 14-1 others.

FORM FOCUS DEVEL'S VALLEY opicionad to best Processe Moods 4f at Huntingdon (2m 4f, soft). Sub-acquently met a useful performer when 12 2nd of 20 to Lucky Verdict at Chapeton (2m 4, soft), with BESCHT STAR tabled off. DUNTREE forged class on the flat to best Western Gun 4f at Workertempton (2m, good to soft). WESES WONDER was ridden out to best Puscelbe 2 at Werwick (2m, good when 25) and of 8 to Arden at Ascot (2m, good to firm) in November. AMOTHER CRUSSE 1234 3rd of 18 to Ri-Ns-

2.30 FARVIEW NEW HOMES HANDICAP CHASE (25,660: 3m) (10 tunners)

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Selections

1.45 Candlebright. 2.15 Lothian Admiral. 2.45 Order Paper.

3.45 Paco's Boy. 4.15 Shilgrove Place.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 PACO'S BOY.

1.45 OLD TOLL CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (E2,057: 2m) (5 runners)

2.15 CARWINSHOCH NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (\$2,581: 2m) (6 runners)

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3.0 STROUD GREEN HURDLE RACE (Listed race: 4-Y-O: £4,402: 2m 10yd) (9 runners)

FORM FOCUS STAR OF THE GLIBH made mistakes when 324 th to Sayyure at Accord (2m 41, good) Previously led close home to best SA-VER KRNG (Sib better off), who a bed mistake at the last, by %I over course and distance (good).

ABLE LEADER was ridden out to best Good Spark, where a since, by 31 at Plumpton (2m, sort) issued, where a since, by 31 at Plumpton (2m, sort) issued, home unchallenged from Punchbag at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy) has time out and can improve hunter a since, by 31 at Plumpton (2m, sort) issued, hunter a since at the last when 41/1 and to Good Spark at Warvick (2m, good to soft). SR-VER KRNG came home unchallenged from Punchbag at Newton Abbot (2m 150yd, heavy) has time out and can improve funds. It is not store on the Flat for Lucia Cament, makes hunting debut.

Selection: SR-VER KRNG (seep)

3.30 CHARLES HIGGINS MEMORIAL CUP (Hunters chase: Amateurs: £2,092: 2m 4f) (13 TUTINOTS)

S01 ER11/ DEEP PROBFECT 616 (F) (N Jones) Mrs G Jones 11-12-6 N Jones (7) --502 315162- FLAREY SARK 328 (CD,S) (Mrs A Pollard) Mrs A Pollard 13-12-6 Y Masson (7) 9-18
503 21/176- GENERAL MERCHANT 256 (B,G,S) (G Tate) G Tate 10-12-8 N Masson (7) 9-18
504 11FLY GRANVILLE PARK 1058 (F,G) (R Goodel) R Goodel 9-12-9 R Goodel (7) -505 12/3P5- HAND OYER 386 (D,G,S) (J Hartey) J Hartey 11-12-6 R Goodel (7) -506 12F/222- MASTERPLAN 358 (D,G,S) (W Jonks) W Jonks 13-12-8 T Jones (7) 95
507 1811/ STATE CASE 848 (D,F,G) (Mass S Craw) Miss Scarlet J Crew 12-12-8 P NewChart (7) -508 2224- DROMORE CASTLE 282 (3) (R Waley-Cohen) R Weley-Cohen 10-12-2 N Ridout (7) 85
510 9969-19- CAKGROVE 272 (0) (E Kright) E Knight 8-12-2 S P Ascirews (7) 75
511 -- SANBALLAT 329 (3) (Mrs C Westherby) D Nichelson 8-12-2 J Westherby (7) -512 P66F/ DICTIVE 707 (S) (A Wilson) A Wilson 13-11-11 A Wilson (7) 81
NORTHERNI SOCIETY 1320F (P Scott P Scott 7-11-11 P Scott (7) -8ETTING: 11-4 Sanbellet 7-2 Masterplan, 8-2 State Case, 5-1 Flarey Sark, 8-1 Nobbanolder, 12-1 Hand Over, 14-1 Deep Prospect, 15-1 Others.

FORM FOCUS DEEP PROSPECT.

Tran on strongly when 11kl 2nd to Rinus at Leicester (2m, good to soft) last February. STATE CASE to beating Double Turn 11kl at Stratford (2m2), good to soft) last February. STATE CASE to having ble first outing since beating Scots Nogger by 21kl at Ludow (2m4), good to first) in May 196E.

FLAREY SARK, successful twice test seeson, kept on when 41 2nd to Rock Saint at Lingfield (3m, heavy) maiden hunter chase at Down Royal last seeson. Looks the sort to progress.

4.0 CRICKLADE HANDICAP HURDLE (24,302: 2m 4f 120yd) (19 runners)

801	HIPS-	SPROWSTON BOY 284 (Q,8) (G Whising) W Perrin 7-11-12	i
802		ROAM 20 (D,F,S) (LB! Law Ltd) R Holder 5-11-1	Ī
803	150-696	PREDOMENATE 20 (D.F.S) (501 Club Recing Group) O Sherwood 9-11-0. J Oaborns	ĕ
804		GRUS A BUCK 20 (5) (K Costello) D Elsworth 7-10-11 P Holley	ē
805		LE CAROTTE 20 (CD,F,G) 84 Haggett) A Berrow 8-10-10	ā
800		GHOFAR 48 (B.BF.G.S) (D Testner) D Elementin 7-10-10	_
807		TERRITIO 25 (CO.F.S) (L Armes) A Turnell 7-10-7	c
808		CANNAAS 20 (B.F.S) (Mrs A Leat) Mrs D Haine 5-10-5	ē
600		FINGEST 27 (B.D.C.S) (R Ashford) P Evans 7-10-2	ē
810		DIRECTLY 34 (G.S) (Miss B Swire) G Belding 7-10-1 R Quest	ē
611		COWORTH PARK 13 (Q.S) (M Globori) P Milchell 5-10-0	i
812		PARSONS GREEN 13 (S) (R Tooth) N Henderson 6-10-0 J White	ė
		ESKING MITE 20 (C,G) (P Byrne) J Jenkins 6-10-0 M Ahem (S)	ē
		JULYS LINE 22 (S) (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 5-10-0 Miss S Waterman	ē
815		FORT LING 414 (S) (C Louis) D Berone 7-10-0 R Greene (7)	i
616		ALARM CALL 22 (D,C) (Whitcombe Menor Racing Stables) N Mitchell 7-10-0 A Tory (8)	_
		AMWAJ 16 (K Pletten) A Denson 6-10-0 M Persot -	_
		OTHET #5 (7) (C Budd) M Usher 8-10-0.	
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	8		MORNEHURST 6 (Mrs G Simpson) C Tinder 4-10-8 J J Colon 7
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814-1F4 SHE GROVE PLACE 6 (F.Q.5) (Mrs S Bramail) Mrs S Bramail 8-12-0 J O'Goman,
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134-4E EASTERN CASS 26 (CD.F.G.5) (J Andrews) J Andrews 7-11-6 M Aleton (7)
6/453 VALE OF SECRECY 13 (C.F.5) (Mrs D Miller) R Fisher 9-10-13 M Dougley
BETTING: 15-8 Eastern Casts, 9-4 Shilprove Place, 5-2 Vale O' Secracy, 8-1 Instant Tan.
1989: VRGNG ROCKET 5-10-13 S Turner (11-2) C Parker 10 ran Course specialists



JOCKEYS Rides Per cent 137 21.9 67 17.9 141 13.5 31 12.9 36 11.1

1.30 Spartona, 2.0 Beau Rolando, 2.30 The Malt-kiln. 3.0 Choctaw. 3.30 Lacidar, 4.0 Jane's Joy. 4.30 Secret Finale. Going: soft 1.30 WOLSINGHAM NOVICES HURDLE (£1,360: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

SEDGEFIELD

Selections By Mandarin

7-4 Spenora, 9-4 Sellor's Delight, 4-1 Pacific Sound, 12-1 Royal Invader, Glenmoore, 25-1 Ejsy Hallich, 33-1 others. 2.0 RYHOPE CLAIMING NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-0: £1,360: 2m) (7)

11-10 Beeu Rolando, 9-4 Besic Fun, 15-2 Cougar, 8-1 Gushy, 16-1 Bishopsford, 20-1 Polder, Rose's Pride.

2.30 RAMSIDE HANDICAP CHASE (£2,285: 3m 2f

8 -ULS* TEPYLON SO (0.5) J Pearce 11-10-3. J NA Orkney 7 -P4P CONTACT KELYIN 14 (0.5) N Bycroft 5-10-3. J Neisenskin 8 P554 MOOMS CHADRILLE 16 (CD.F.S) Mrs & Gospel 14-10-0 5-2 Pikemen, 3-1 Firm Price, 4-1 The Marktin, 5-1 Kerel, 13-2 Almondbury, 12-1 Moone Quadrille, 16-1 others.

8.0 BEDALE NOVICES CHASE (£2,174: 2m 4f) (8)

Jemerson, 6 Prom 25, 24.0%; J.J.C. Beaver, 4 from 19, 21.1%,

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections

By Mandarin 1.40 Bahrain Bridge. 2.10 Pontevecchio Bella-2.40 Bravo Star. 3.10 La Castana. 3.40 Carpet Capers. 4.10 Heron's Jake.

1.40 BLACKWOOD NOVICES HURDLE (£1,534; 2m

1 33P1 BAHRAIN BRIDGE 4 (CII) A Denson 5-11-13 2 FASS ALTORELLI SF (BF) P Mitchell 6-11-7 Date McKeown
3 P222 CASINO MACKE 4.1 Spearing 6-11-7 Date McKeown
4 60-9 DOCKSIDER 9 Mrs E Heath 7-11-7
Bit P Harding-Jones (S)
5 6 CORSE HENTER 42 P Hobbs 7-11-7. R Arnott
7 6-70 CREDORA BAY 25 (N) S Woodman 6-11-2 J Railton (S)
8 000 BALLAD RULER 10 P Pritcherd 4-10-10

15-8 Altobell, 3-1 Behrain Bridge, 5-1 Krypton Knight, Casino Magic, 10-1 Docksider, 12-1 Gorse Husser, 14-1 others. 2.10 PELLEW SELLING HURDLE (£1,534: 2m 2f)

1 9 ALWAYS TAKE PROFIT 11 C Allen 10-9 J MicLangilla 2 005 JUST CRUSSE 6 K NOVY 10-8 R Goldstein 3 005 JUSES TARR 9 (8) Miles P (*Connor* 10-9 Re Guldstein 4 0345 MESHITARF 9 (8) C Boover 10-8 R MICERT (3) 4 CAROLES CLUSIN 9 M Hoynes 10-4 B Modern (4) 6 3004 DEEMSTER WILLOW 9 (V) G Baixing 10-4 Chariton (3)

A Charlion (3) 11-10 Caroles Clown, 7-2 Desmeter Willow, 9-2 Statejos, 6-1 Lurex Star, 10-1 Portswecchio Bella, 16-1 citiers.

Course specialists TRANSERS: K Balley, 3 winners from 15 runners, 20.0%; J Fitch-Heyes, 7 from 37, 18.9%; G Belding, 7 from 44, 15.9%; O Sherwood, 6 from 40, 15.0%. (Only qualifiers). JOCKEYS: Date McKeown, 24 witners from 68 rides, 35.3%; D Musphy, 3 from 22, 13.6%; I Shoemerk, 3 from 22, 13.6%; B de Haan, 3 from 29, 10.3%. (Only qualifiers).

1 5-55 TAYLORBADE BOY 12 (0.5) Danys Smith 7-12-0. —
2 4511 GARRY ODDER 29 (F,5) J Johnson 5-11-13
3 -OP1 SECRET FRALE 7 (CD.F.O.5) J Fort 11-11-3 A Palay
4 500P GUSAREN MAC 16 (V.G.S) N Sycrot 7-10-15. —
5 0-FF BM CONTENTION 18 (8) I Wards 7-10-5. —
6 6522 ACROSS THE LAKE 16 Mrs 5 Branch 6-10-5 6 5522 ACROSS THE LAKE 16 Mrs 5 Bramal 6-10-0 Mr N Wilson (7)
7 8009 HOME TO ROOST 3 (CD,Q,S) F Jestin 10-10-2 L O'Tims (5)
8 P143 CHANGE THE NAME 16 (B,CD,E) P Stockley 7-10-1 C Shark S /OP DANIER CHIEF 39 (3.5) J Peeros 9-10-0 J Mic. augusta 10 F-P KOFFI 27 (5) F Yarday 8-10-0 H South (7) 11 4438 AQUA VERDE 51 (8F) A Reid 11-10-0 J Ryan (5) 6-4 Garry Odder, 5-1 Across The Lake. Course specialists TRAINERS: T Tate, 5 winners from 10 runners, 50.0%; Mrs 8 Bramell, 6 from 20, 30.0%; N Tinider, 4 from 15, 25.7%; JOCKEYS: G McCourt, 6 winners from 15 rices, 40,8%; P Midgley, 4 from 13, 30,8%; C Ryen, 3 from 14, 21,4%; C Grent, 53 from 268, 19,8%; P Niven, 32 from 192, 18,7%; R Fatery, 8 from 37, 16,2%. 2.40 COLLINGWOOD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,618: 2m 4f) (7)

2-1 Perentus, 3-1 Bravo Star, 6-1 Lost Art, 6-1 Nune Little Dne, 8-1 Route March, 12-1 Ametory, 25-1 Roof Ghost. 3.10 COCHRANE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,779: 2m)

1 1114 LA CASTANA S (CD.F.(I) C Beever 11-13 B McGER (II) 2 1214 CONE LAME 25 (CD.P.) B Gubby 11-12 P Heriey (7) 3 160 SOFTLY 14 (IA.P. P Hobbs 11-6 4 B CHELWORTH RAIDER 44 J Spessing 11-0 5 SP HIGH HOLBORN 11 J Joseph 31-0. R Golds 8 BIOS MODEY 82 J Fitch-Hoyes 11-0. R Golds 7 Soft PLYANG 23 (DP) R Marring 10-6. Date McKe 6 GPS HELEN RED 25 G Eden 10-9

8-4 Lx Cesters, 5-2 Cone Lane, 6-1 Flying, 7-1 Softly 10-1 High Holborn, 12-1 others. 3.40 JERVIS HANDICAP HURDLE (22,248: 2m) (8) 1 2111 CARPET CAPERS 8 (0,0,F,G,5) J FRon-Heyes 5-12-3 (20) R Goldsteil 2 1-PC KING RETAIN 27 (F,S) C Popham 7-12-5 5 8F2F POINT MADE 30 (0,9F,F,G,5) J Booley 7-10-12

4 PAST SPRING PLAY 16 (D.0) A Denson S-10-3 ... L Harvey S-973 CRISSON LADY 174 P Rodroft 3-10-2 ... L Harvey S-970 TOUR VIELLE 808 P Printherd 7-10-0 ... S J O'Neill 11-3 Carpet Cape's, 5-2 Point Made, 9-2 Spring Play, 8-1 (Eng Retain, 9-1 Crimson Lady, 33-1 Tour Vielle. 4.10 GAMBIER NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE

(£1,534: 2m) (8) 34: 2m) (0)
AGREE TO DIFFER K Balley 5-11-5...... I LIMITANCE (S)
CHARROT SCENE 18 P Hoviling 6-11-6...... T Tymen (7)
HERON'S JAKE 127 (BF) R O'Sultion 6-11-5
DO'Bullion (7)
C2 KERFUFFLE 18 G Harwood 5-11-5..... Nine A Hermon's
WORK TO WIN 49 O Sherwood 5-11-5.... D Benesyworth (7)

8-4 DRIVERS BUREAU 18 P Milchell 6-11-0. Bit R Tool (7) 8 TAXEAWAY 37 J White 4-10-9. D Signate (5) BOAT TRAB! W McKenzie-Coles 4-10-4 S Burnaugh (7)

Wincanton details

Geng: good to soft

1.16 Zm hole) 1, HOLY JOE (J Osborne,
20-1); 2, Fred Splandid (W Irvine, 4-1 tav);
3, Crowns And Horror (R Ourswoody, 14-1); 4, The Castestran; (D Styrme, 20-1),
ALSO RAN: 8 Country Demsel, River
Kingdim (bd), 9 Crancheter, Miss Fern
(bd), 10 Nick The Dreamer (bd),
Humdecola, 12 Eyree (bu), Serrover, 18
Court Appeal, 20 Ceme Down (5th), 25
Dress Up (6th), 33 Bettle Drum, Ablinch,
Geraghty Again, 50 Castle Jesser (h, 100
Go-Go-Sam. 20 ran, NR: Gun Heppy. 51,
hd, 41, 81, rik, A Wilson at Chelterhem.
Tole: 218,60: 24.30, 21.60, 22.10, 27.10.
DF: 238,50. CSF: 258,32. Tricast:
21,116.08.

1.45 Sm 11 chi 1, GARRESON SAVAN-21,118.08.

1.45 (Sm 11 ch) 1, GARRISON SAVAN-MAH (M Pitman, 2-1 tev); 2, Mandraid Sauthe (J Osborne, 8-1); 3, Captain Frisit, (R Ourwoody, 69, ALSO RAN: 5-2 Our Fellow gut, 7 Maghty Pine (Sh), 10 Just So (4th), 12 Ever Hopeful (pu), 14 Dianes Destiny (pu), 20 Lond Torensga (pu), Topaham Bay (pu), 18 Uphant (I), 25 Zummerset (pu), 33 Erica May (pu), Scarlet Dymond (8th), 50 Sportsnews, Spring Time Peerl (pu), 100 Arcsic Mariner (pu), Cette Capri (pu), Landris Tipole (pu), 20 ran, NP: Desprook Varb, 25, 12, 2, 3, 12, Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambour. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.20, £5.76, DP: £5.30, CSF: £20.51.

25.30. CSP: 220.51.

2.15 (2n 67 hdis) 1, TREPELYN COME (P. Scadarnors, 6-4 p-lav; Mandantur's napy; 2, Mens Naptone (S. Earle, 33-1); 3, Carthord Garl (J. Nesvea, 33-1); ALSO RAN 6-4 p-lav Bremnill Rosse (pug, 10 Cooks Lawn (pul, 12-1 How Majestic, 14 Rosse Marchaness, Satta-Law, 21 Fermona Ar (5m); motion Cruses (P. 25 Sesmoared, 33 Miles Wirersborrough, 50 Church Leap (4m); Cut Above The Rest (pd); Dewtres Dresin, Farrantony, Grange Express (pul, Lyst Mossure, Ledy Catcher (bd.), Lewton Princess (pul, March Milnt (8m), 21 ran. NR: Feir Agnes, 8, 20, 114; T, 23, M Pipe at Wellington, Tota: £3.40; £1.90, £17.60, £8.10. DF: £816.60. CSF: £54.52.

2.45 (2m Si ch) 1, DESERT ORCHED (R)
Durwoody, 30-100 fav); 2, Bartres, (M)
Bowiby, 32-1; 3, Michae Spring (B Powel),
18-1); ALSO RAN: 11-2 Bishops Yarn (pu),
14-John Soversigny (Bri), 33 Highway
Borress (4th), 69 Imperial Chempagne (6th), 7 ran. NR: Paddboro, Russistone,
Southerner, Rusch De Farges, 201, 1%1,
51, 1, 251, D Elsworth at Whitsbury. Tota:
21.20, 21-20, 29-80, DF: 220-50. CSF:
21.05. 21-20, 29-80, DF: 220-50. CSF:
210.64

3.15 (2m Si ch) 1, COLCOMIDE CASTLE
(Mr A Walter, B-1); 3, Roddess Broost (Mr P)
MacEwan, 2-1 ray; ALSO RAN: 100-30
Hankir (f), 5 Poter Glen (6th), 7 Archie's
Naphew (fell), 10 Touch Of Fun (pu), 16
Change-Alley (pu), Masser Hardy (8th), 20
Kody's Insurance (pu), Romules (pu), 50
Artific Sorg (pu), Dust Conquerer (pu),
Steel Progress (pu), 18 ran. NR: Venus
Saga, 1%1, 6, 20, 31, deta. B Rendels at
Colyton, Tota: 212-48, 22-49, 27-20, 22-30.
DF: 2681-90, CSF: 2180.27.
3.46 (2m hde) 1, FAVOSKI (S Snith
Ecoles, B-1), 2 Dee Jay Pee (T Wal, 50-1);
3. The Widger Mare (R Rose, 11-2), ALSO
RAN: 8-11 fav Malemas Seloon (f), 13-2
Vaut (4ch), 14 Miester Oddy, 20 Kovzza, 25
Ivycharch, Merry Marigold, 33 Donaties,
Whiscombe Warrior, Klesing The Pink, 50
Alkloris, Glenstein Abbry (6th), Go Nobley
Gray, Greyfrians Bobby (pu), Mo's Chorister, Repaido (pu), Sarpin Snine, Temparad Point (pu), 20 ran. 10, 9, 5, 1%1, 44
1 Wardte at Newmarket, Tota: 239-42

4, 15 (2m hde) 1 Va Late (N Marn, 5-2

22.50, 238.20, 22.50, DF: 285.60, CSF: 239.42.
4.15 (2m hdie) 1 Va Late (N Mann, 5-2 fav); 2 Senting Silver (W McFertand, 7-2); 3, Record Flight (Mr C Mauda, 15-2); ALSO RANC 9-2 Dewn Prince (5m), 7 Versatile (8th), 8 Come Vannich (4th), 14 Halicrosa, 25 Nome Too Dear, Garder Gold, 50, Lucky Fen, Chentilly Luca, Truism ft, West Lodge Lady, 13 ran. 7, 125, 8, 51, 81, R Holder at Bristol. Total 22.50; 21.50, 21.80, 22.50. DF: 27.10. CSF: 211.78, Tricast; 253.24.

Byrne has to delay return Derek Byrne, sidelined with broken ribs after a nasty fall at

Jimmy Fitzgerald's cond-itional rider had been hoping to be back in action at the week-end. But he reported: "I'm struggling to say when I'll be back. It'll probably be the middle of next week or next weekend."

Sudden Victory was in dema at 7-1 for tomorrow's Tote Gold Trophy at Newbury and William Hill clipped him a point to



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Football entitled to a share of tax revenue

European competitions, prior to

Heysel it should be noted that,

while Rangers, Celtic and

Aberdeen each won a European

trophy once, English clubs had

been successful on 17 occasions.

English clubs probably played

more matches than those from any

other country. The fact that most

of them incurred no sanctions

from UEFA for crowd problems is

a prime reason for hoping that we

can return to Europe next season.

for good football was exemplified

by the world under-16 tournament

The support was lukewarm for the

first two or three matches but

word soon got around that here

was quality football not to be

missed. It was regrettable that so few people from England made

the journey, particularly club

it will accept all-seat stadiums. How right he is. It will not be easy

raham Kelly, my successor at the Foot-

ball Association, bas

said we must re-edu-

cate the public so that

managers and coaches.

aged in Scotland last summer.

The enthusiasm of the British

points in regard to Lord Justice Taylor's report, I hope we can consider this a national issue not a party political one. The debate on a compulsory national membership scheme is over. The Taylor report has ended the arguments.

Many people have said they have sympathy for football, but that is not needed, what is needed is understanding. Football is our national sport, we have 42,000 clubs in England compared with 37,000 10 years ago. Attendances at matches are rising, the television coverage is extensive.

Why do we need understanding? In 1968, Professor Norman Chester was commissioned by the Government of the day to prepare a report on football. Among the recommendations was a Football Levy Board financed by a share of the 25 per cent tax levied on the pools. This would have been a replica of racing's Levy Board that has poured millions of pounds into horse racing over the years.
The tax on the pools has risen progressively from 25 per cent in 1968 to 42½ per cent today. But neither political party has seen fit to divert some of that money, now well in excess of £200 million per year, to preserve the golden goose, the Football League.

We are told that because of the extent of transfer fees football doesn't need money. The fact that the money is going round in the game is not accepted but it is a fact. Let's have some understanding.

Now to the one problem where we need perhaps a little sympathy but mainly understanding the



hooligans. They do exist, no one in football will deny it. I have advocated all-seat stadiums for years but always it has been a case of supply and demand. A large percentage of football supporters prefer to stand and, up to now, it is this demand that only Coventry City have had the courage to challenge. Their all-seat stadium, capacity 20,600, would have made life more pleasant for the public living near the ground. I hoped Coventry would have a couple of very successful seasons when they took this brave step but as it was their gates fell, probably because many of the regular terrace supporters were not prepared to sit down and standing areas were brought back.

The only ground for which the Football Association could be said to be responsible is Wembley Stadium, even though it is privately owned. We organized a £4 million facelist a sew years ago financed by the FA, the Football Trust, the Sports Council - and this could be called Government

In a special article

Ted Croker.

secretary of the Football Association from 1973 to 1989. examines the Taylor

report and its implications for the future of the sport

money - and BET, which owned Wembley at the time. This money was all used to improve and renovate facilities and improve safety. It was not used for the

executive boxes.

Many justifiable compliments are paid to Ibrox Stadium but one must consider many factors that are too often ignored when comparing English and Scottish football. How will Hampden Park fare when all-seating is mandatory? Will it remain the national footballstadium for Scotland? It is sometimes suggested that Scottish supporters are beyond reproach and why haven't the English followed their lead? A few words with a London policeman who has handled both Scottish supporters and our own Cup Final crowds would put that record straight.

and it will not happen overnight. I saw a UEFA Cup match at the Parc des Princes in Paris earlier After the banishment of English clubs from European com-petitions, it became the "in" thing this season. This is an all-sea among Scottish supporters to stadium with about a 60,000 boast: "We are not drunken booligans like the English". The capacity. The young Paris St Germain supporters were gathered on the top tier in traditional boot could so easily have been on

It will be more worrying

that Mike Griffiths, chosen on

the loose head, has not played

since the French match. It was

only last Friday that the

plaster was removed from a

damaged knee and ankle and

he must lack match fitness; the

same is true of lan Watkins,

the Cardiff booker restored to

the replacements bench in

place of Garin Jenkins, of

Pontypool, after a six-week

the left wing, will undergo

fitness tests on Monday, Emyr

having damaged an adductor

muscle. The back division, of course, is unchanged and has an exciting look about it if the

forwards can win enough worthwhile possession: "We have injected more pace into

the back row, which was

planned for England and the

way we were going to play,"

Griffiths and Arthur Emyr,

their departure, they were stand-This is not to say that English ing, obviously with no intention of hooligans are a myth built up by sitting. An area in one corner was the media. Far from it. We have an element among those who allocated to Juventus supporters follow football who are despicable and they also spent the whole match on their feet. and have to be rooted out. When considering the very few sanctions Last December I went to the imposed on English clubs in

Oporto v Hamburg match; here most of the seating areas comprise concrete steps and the supporters sit on numbered places, usually with only a newspaper between posterior and concrete. Again in some areas the public stood most of the time. Even those normally seated rose to their feet when Oporto were on the attack. The Taylor report is critical of

some fencing, and here again there is a complete answer, a most. This provides no obstruction to viewing and is an excellent safety valve in the case of an emergency but very expensive and very difficult to instal at most English grounds. Fences are not just a hazard and

a visual obstruction. The principle of caging people in leads to bad behaviour and a ground looks so much better without fences. At many well-run clubs the directors have sought a new site to

develop a ground to suit modern requirements, only to be turned down repeatedly by planning committees. Understandably local residents, even two or three miles away, will fight tooth and nail to resist a football ground in their vicinity. Every fourth division club attracting 2,000 or 3,000 regular supporters has the opportunity to emulate Wimbledon and achieve first division status in a few seasons.

There are still no criteria to be satisfied to achieve promotion within the League, other than enter the fourth division from the GM Vauxhall Conference the club's facilities must satisfy grad-ing standards that some clubs in the League would find hard to

One major problem with standing areas, such as the Kop, is that no matter how luxurious and plentiful lavatories are, the density of the crowd is such that to gain access other than before or after a match is almost impossible.

iverpool University carried out a study some years ago during a Liverpool v Everton local derby. A police sergeant and a constable were stationed at each end of a barrier so that they could submit personal reports. They soon encountered an insoluble problem as they had both chosen to wear rubber-soled police footwear. In no time, the flow of urine down the terrace meant that they could not keep their feet. The "atmosphere" of the Kop, usually praised as a great motivator for Liverpool players, was very different from the atmosphere these police officers encountered!

Punishment of the few to deter the many must be given top priority: reporting centres and exclusion orders such as we have urged for many years and, where appropriate, harsh prison sen-tences that can be made to stick.

All-seat stadiums should encourage more clubs to introduce or extend their own membership schemes, a development activelyy encouraged by the League and the FA for years. It is essential that such schemes should be compatible, bearing in mind that to date the Government has said that the

main unaltered, which means that the Home Secretary could issue designation orders at a later date if

all else fails. Mr David Waddington is a new broom at the Home Office; he has to try to understand football and weigh up a responsible consensus

of informed opinion. The Taylor report's findings on a national membership scheme confirm that the advice given to Mrs Thatcher by her colleagues and staff was wrong and the comments of the football authorities were not the ramblings of a prejudiced, head-in-the-sand bureaucracy but the informed opinion of many who will never rest until the purge of hooligans is

In Italy, the Government has contributed many millions of pounds towards the modernization of the twelve stadiums where the World Cup finals will be played. The main expense has been incovering the seated areas and improvement of the infrastructure, such as roads and car parks and other forms of access. Football here is not looking for

that sort of money but for the Government to give back some of the tax generated by a football related industry is both sensible and reasonable. The means of distributing such largesse is al-ready there, the Football Trust.

Such a gesture to our national game to prepare us for the 21st century would offend no one and lose not a vote. It would please millions and suggest that the Government was prepared to back anti-hooligan measures to the full and support a game that is no longer just a working man's game but crosses the barriers of society.

RUGBY UNION: ONE FORWARD DROPPED AFTER A SUSPENSION AND A DEFECTION

Welsh amendments include belated selection for Collins

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Had circumstances not dietated otherwise, it seems that Wales would have made only one change in their team to play England in the five nations' championship at Twickenham on February 17.

The only player to lose his place since the 29-19 defeat by France last month is Gary Jones, the Llanelli flanker, but the side shows three amenda ments because of the suspension of Kevin Moseley (lock) and the defection to rugby league of David Young (prop).

flanker goes to Ritchie Col-lins, of Cardiff, who should have been in the team in the first place. In the second row, Moseley, sent off against France for stamping, is replaced by Gareth Liewellyn, of Neath, while Young's place at tight-head prop goes to the experienced Laurance Delaney (Lianelli) who thus adds to the three caps he won

last season. Taken overall, it would be hard to argue that the Welsh have been significantly weakened, despite the unscheduled blows with which they have

Mike Teague, who played so well at No. 8 in England's victory over France last week-

have agreed to rest him. Barry

back, in the Bristol can side to

chosen for his first cap against New Zealand in November and was somewhat precipitately dropped thereafter, if he was worth one cap, it would have belped his development to have been retained but now Wales play with their ninth different second-row combination in 11 games, against an English team whose locks were acknowledged yesterday by John Ryan, the Weish coach, as among the best pairings in the world.

of coming back from defeat," Fouroux said. "Wholesale changes are not the solution and

it is my firm belief that, with the

same group, we still have the ingredients for a victory in Edinburgh. Any transition has to be a smooth one and certain

players have the right to end

The Ireland centre, Brendan Mullin, seems certain to miss

Paris next month. Mullin, who

knee, had part of a cartilage removed today. No official confirmation has been issued by

their careers in glory.

Camberabero's return favoured by Ferrasse

Albert Ferrasse, who is accustomed to having his own way where French rugby is concerned, dropped a heavy hint yesterday that Didier Camrabero should be restored to the XV, who will be announced on Sunday, to play Scotland in Edinburgh on February 17 (David Hands writes). Chicir careers in glory."

SCOTLAND (v France): A G Hastings (London Scotlan): A G Stangar (Hawkol), 3 Heatings (Watsoniars), 5 R P Linear (Borougnarum), 1 Tolado (Salidari); C M Chalmers (Seltiris), G Arststrong (Jed-Forest): D M B Sole (Editority) A Cadenicals, captain), K 3 Milline (Nethol's FP), A P Burnell (London Scotlash), J Jeffrey (Kelso), C A Gray (Nottingham), D F Cronin (Bath), F Calder (Sawart's Metville FP), D B White (London Scotlash), J Swylle (Sawart's Metville FP), G H Oliver (Hywick), D J Turnbull (Hawfol), A K Berswater (Sawart's Metville FP), G H Oliver (Hawfol), D J Market (Sawart's Metville FP), J Alles (Editough Academicsis).

Ferrasse, the French federation president, suggested that his demotion from the side which beat Wales was "unjust". It was abnormal. Ferrasse wen on, to play without a recognized goalkicker. "Camberabero is a good goalkicker, a good stand-off half and, if needed, a good wing threequarter. I felt sorry for him when he was dropped," Ferrasse added.

Nevertheless, Jacques Fouroux, the French coach, has ruled out extensive change from the side heavily beaten by England last weekend, in which Denis Charvet was the eoalkicker, and scored with only one from three attempts.
"I believe this team is capable

New Zealand rule out

S Africa tour The New Zealand Rugby Union council vesterday rejected the possibility of its players participating in this summer's projected international tour to South Africa (David Hands

Despite optimism of a greater accord with South Africa, the New Zealand body turned down an invitation from Natal. It is Natal's centenary this year, and they hope to host one of two internationals between the Springboks and an international party similar to that which

toured last year.
Russ Thomas, the NZRU council chairman, maintained his consistent line that the decision was "in the best interests of the game in New

Zealand" Australia, however, are likely end, has withdrawn from the Gloscester side to play Gosforth in a Pilkington Cup fourth round tie at Gateshead tomorrow. Teague has not yet recovered from a dead leg sustained in Paris (David Hands writes). The Gioucester selectors

Clarke, who stood in so well for Teague when he was recovering from a shoulder injury, takes his place. There is no place for Jon

play Exeter. Liewellyn, for example, was

> Ryan has contended all season that adjustments would be made to the side depending upon the nature of the next opponents to be faced. One of those adjustments clearly did not relate to Phil Davies, who remains on the blind-side flank; the experiment of playing him there against France was hardly given time to work since Davies had to move to lock after Moseley was sent off but, rather than tax the player with further responsibility as

> > Phillips succeeds Young, who himself succeeded Davies who led the pack (from lock) against New Zealand Phillips also has the key role of thrower to the lineout, where Mark Jones and Collins will be able to offer variety.

pack leader, that role goes to

Kevin Phillips.

The coach shrugged his shoulders at the loss of Young to the professional game. "He's gone," he said. "We have to look to the players we have got. What we have lost in David's mobility and driving play we will make up for in Laurance's experience at lineout and scrum."

WALES: P. H. Thorborn (Mestil): M. H. Tilley (Swandest), M. G. Flag (Cardiff), M. R. Hall (Cardiff), A. Caryy (Swandest), C. W. Zeras (Cardiff), R. H. Jenses (Swanzes), C. W. Zeras (Cardiff), R. H. Jenses (Swanzes), C. Jenses, P. Dalleys (Naschi), I. Dalleys (Jamell), P. T. Davides (Marchi), I. Dalleys (Jamell), A. G. Allen (Newbridge), G. O. Listeeliga (Nestri), R. G. Califfes (Cardiff), M. A. Jones (Nestri), R. G. Cardiffes (Cardiff), M. Bestacumenter C. Davides (Marchi), A. Cardiff, I. Welleys, G. Cardiff, N. Williams-Jones (South Willes Police), M. Perage (Jamell)

Exeter are ensuring a foundation for future

By David Hands Exeter's mame was the last to be

called out when the draw for the fourth round of the Pilkington Cup was made, which gave them an away tie with Bristol temorrow, wind and rain permitting, "We would have liked a bom "We would have liked a home draw, like any other club, but if we have to travel then Bristol is as good as anyone," John Baxter, the chairman of selectors for Exeter, said. "We know it will be a good game of rughy and we know there will be a good crowd."

It is a necessar continued but

then, there have been many meetings between the clube over the last century (Exeter, founded in 1872, are 16 years the older) - although some in the cap -In the case of Exeter, it has during the last 20 years. Ouce a West Country force to be reckoned with, they declined during the 1960s and, but for an odd flicker of life, have made no

flicker of life, have made no great showing since.
This, though, may be on the verge of changing: they are imbented at home in the third division of the Courage Clubs.
Championship this season and, although their away record has let their division for the courage in the course of t let them down, they were dis-appointed that the scoreboard against London Scottish, the third-division leaders, did not reflect their considerable efforts. Moreover, they have far-sighted plans. "We like to think sighted plans. "We like to think we are keying foundations for the future," Baxver said. The playing side of the club came together four years ago under the captaincy of Nick Bodner and there has been discertible progress ever since with a squad of whom nearly all have shown long-term loyalty to Exeter. Under the direction of Bob Staddon, the former full back, the coaching organization has changed and become more effective and the selection process has been refined.

Last summer the old trials

Last summer the old trials system was scrapped and, instead, Gloucester arrived for pre-senson training which also involved games with two junior wides. sides. "We have felt considerable benefits," Buxter said.
"It's all part of a long-term plan which also involves moving from the County Ground (home for some 60 years) to another site in the city where we can offer a centre of excellence for rugby in

"We have to offer today's player a lot more than at pres we hope that, within the next three years, the move can be made. The population of Exeter is growing, too, at an extraordinary rate. The city is becoming a popular administrative centre and that should bring more players along. Exeter have age-group teams from aged 10 upwards and they

Mount St Mary's look unbeatable

Mount St Mary's remain in apparently unstoppable form, having won their last three games, against Nottingham HS Guildford 16-0, and, although (21-7), Doncaster, Hall Cross CS the match was abondoned 15 (64-0) and Woodhouse Grove (10-3). The young Woodhouse team, which tackled magnifi-cently, should be an excellent side next season; 13 players will

Doncaster Hall Cross are beset with problems and the future is uncertain; but another across the Pennines at St Helens, is going well. Cowley have lost only to Arnold, a match they believe they should have won, and they have won their 17 other matches. Their most recent victories have been against St Anselm's (38-12) and King's School, Macclesfield (14-0). But most creditably of all Cowley defeated QEGS Wakefield (44-7) and Reigate GS (29-14).

RGS High Wycombe played their final match, in which they defeated RCS Guildford 16-0, 2nd, although minutes in to the second half, the No. 8, Davis, managed to score three of their four tries. Wycombe have won 22 of their

Glasgow defeated the Scottish Schools' President's XV 24-25, after the President's XV had led 24-9 at the interval Eriksson, a centre from Merchiston Castle. and the left wing. Craig. scored two tries each for the President's

King's, Macclesfield, having lost to Arnold, Cowley and Edward VII, Lytham, since Christmas, came back with a 22-12 win against the improved Bradford GS side. Jadd, who have experienced an average season, having won (%

eight and lost six of 14 matches. They started with five Successive wins, the best being against Sevenoaks (28-15) and Tonbridge (15-0). But, handscapped by injuries. 27 players have turned out for the first XV. Recently their best performance was a 21-20 defeat by The Royal Academical Institute of Belfast The Wales youth team is

looking for its seventh consecutive victory against Italy youth when the sides meet in the Esso International at Waterton Cross, Bridgend, tomorrow.

TEAM: J Westwood (Abercam), P James, S Glace Penched, Gapd, R Brown (Crumint), G Thorsee (Blackwood), M Jentine (Pomping) P Young (Dandate), P Harmann (Fred) G Burdee (Lightneam), K Allen (Haw Dock Sars, Larent), C Goodwar (Madd), P Jenne (Brogend), Americ, D Senger (Usnell), I Callegton (Nears, Cots), D Jenne (Tytorstown), Replacements: J Pariti (Cardiff), D Schemet (Seven), N Device (Hearn Cots), H Daniste (Lights), I Jones (Nacocru), A Gartyn (Lorenta),

ATHLETICS: A MARATHON RUN FOR SCIENCE AND WORLD RECORDS UNDER FIRE Elliott's



Earthly pursuit: Harrison confines his lofty ambitions to a terra firma target

Rejected astronaut consoles himself in running mission

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son's decision to lose a few

pounds and get fit. He had taken

up jossing a month before applying for the space mission, and when he was shortlisted be

thought he had better get fit quick. "I knew it was too late by then to make a real difference," he said. "But at the medical tests

the surse said that if I went through to the next selection

stage I would have to do a seven-mile run so I started training more seriously."

Rejection from the Juno mis-

sion did not dampen his enthu-siasm for running. He joined the Leighton Fun Runners and app-

Marathon. Rejected from that as well he thought no more about it. "And then I saw the article in The Times," he said.

"I thought a lot about who

should raise money for. Last year The Times runners were

raising money for causes range

If you have set your sights on other space, pounding the streets alongside the hopeful thousands in the London Marathon must be something of a let-down

Not so for Dr Philip Harrison, lecturer in physiology at Univer-sity College London. He took up running seriously after being shortlisted last September to become an astronaut for the Soviet space venture. Having narrowly missed the final selecmirrowly missed the tital selec-tion, he set himself a new goal, to run his first marathon, and is now one of the runners backed by The Times and Unisys in the London Marathon this year.

"Space is every little boy's dream, isn't it?" Harrison said. "I think I dreamt of it when I was a child. At that time everyone thought that one day we'd all be able to try space "The moon shots were part of

the thing that inspired me to science and now space travel still raises everyone's interest in science and draws attention to it. which I think is important."

So when the Juno mission was launched. Harrison applied. He had all the right qualifications: be was young enough at 34, he had a science degree, spoke a foreign language. foreign language — Swedish — and he was British, "At first it was a bit of a plpedream," he said, "But then I was shortlisted." A group of 150 was selected from the 13,000 initial day of physical and psychologi-

plan for tests

1988, before the the Sports

last year.

All this coincided with Harri-League drops

ing from Barnardo's to Save the Rhine. I couldn't think of anything immediately to compete with that." Eventually he decided on his local school, Linslade Lower

School, in Bedfordshire. His

Steffen Grunmt, the former world bobsleigh champion, was yesterday quoted as saying that the entire East German national The British Athletics League has dropped plans to resume its own random drug tests. The league team was made to take anabolic did its own testing from 1986 to

steroid drugs for the 1985 and

1986 world championships

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Council assumed responsibility (John Goodbody writes). Grummi, who was on the East League officials expressed German team during both of those years and moved to West fewer tests in 1989. But follow Germany in January, told La ing the announcement by the Gazetta dello Sport, the Italian Minister for Sport. Colin daily sports newspaper, that Moytuhan, that he wants the use of drugs such as anabolic ste-roids to be considered a crim-inal offence, they have deferred to the Spears Council made to take the drugs. to the Sports Council.

sim is to raise funds to buy scientific equipment. "Schools are now having to revamp their curriculum and science is being brought in more and more," he said. "It is important that young children are exposed to science yet the schools are not getting any extra funding for this, So I thought 5700 er a world been c thought £200 or so would have a real effect."

Quite how much money Harrison is going to raise and how he is going to raise it are, as yet, posing a bit of a problem. "The headmistress at the school, Mrs Armstrong, is going to try and get the parents to spousor me," he said, but other than that he is at a bit of a loss. "I'm going to have to think seen." "I'm going to have to think very seriously about it."

As for the running, Harrison admits that he is a bit of a slow starter, having only discovered in January that he was entered for the big event. "I finished the Watford half-marathon at the weekend in one hour, 43 minutes. That is the farthest I have run so fer." The Times and Unisys hope

that by featuring the efforts of our 12 fund runners we will help them find sponsorship. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your them, write clearly stating your beneficiaries to The Times, Unisys London Marathon Ap-peal. Sports Department, The Times, Virginia Street, London E1 9XN. We will send on your

Unisys are offering a Unisys personal computer to the biggest fund-raiser of our 12 and a icroboam and magnum of champages respectively to the second and third largest.

the national team for the world

Grammi was quoted as saying.

He said the drug was add

in record attempt From David Powell Athletics Correspondent East Rutherford New Jersey

gamble

Either success has gone to his head or Peter Elliott will make nead of Peter Ethod will make an extraordinary entry into the world record books here tonight. A week ago he had nothing, no gold medals, no records; by this evening he hopes to have added two world records to the Commonwealth Games 1,500 metres title he won in Auckland on Saturdisu

on Saturday.

Elliott has come for the indoor mile record but it can be assumed from the pace he has requested for the first half-mile that, if he is successful, he will beat the 1,500 metres record en route. He wants to go through 880 yards in Imin 50sec — "1:52 at the slowest" — which, had Sald Aouits said it, would have been regarded as another of the Moroccan's outrageous state-

As Marcus O'Sullivan, the Irishman whose 1,500 metres record Elliott threatens to break, said yesterday. "Peter is not an athlete who says one thing then,

when the gun goes, do another."

The plan, according to Elliott, is to "break the world record by as much as possible". Eamonn Coghlan's record, set at this meeting seven years ago, is 3min 49.78 sec; Elliott is aiming to reach halfway nearly five seconds inside selections.

onds inside schedule, Kim McDonald, Elliott's coach, says he expects the world outdoor records, Steve Cram's 3min 46.32sec for one mile and Aouita's 3min 29.46sec for ,500 metres, to come down by some three or come down my some three or four seconds in the near future. Elliott's run tonight will be as much a guide to his potential to be the man who might prove McDonald right as it will be a matter of chasing the biggest bonus purse in United States indoor athletics

history.

Anyone suggesting that Elliott may have been drawn here by the \$100,000 incentive for breaking Coghlan's record should ask why risk an uneven pace? "In the past people have been frightened to go that quick and if it doesn't work it's not the end of the world," Elliott said.

Ellion's gamble on a fast start Elliott's gamble on a fast start is based on a time trial which suggests that not all his bets point in favour of the banker. Before his quick 3min 33.39sec in the Commonwealth final, in which he "felt easy the whole way", he ran 2min 45.8sec for 1,200 metres (3min 45.8sec for 1,200 metres (3min 45.8sec mile pace) and took only four minutes recovery before a 300 metres in 38.2sec. Before Seoul, where he won the Olympic where he won the Olympic silver medal, he clocked 2min 49sec and 42sec over the same

"It just depends how I adapt to running indoor," Elliott said. The track here is known to be quick. It was here that Coghlan set his record and here, two years ago, that O'Sullivan set the 1.500 metres mark of 3min 35.4sec.

To Americans, Coghlan became known as the Chairman of the Poards. At the pace he is planning, Elliott is going to look more like a one-man company by the three-quarter mile mark

Bobsleigh champion admits drugs "I saw Wolfgang Hoppe take Germany, Hoppe desied allega-tions by Hans-Georg Aschenbach, an East German pills of Turinabol, an anabolic steroid. All the bobsledders on

championships in 1985 in Cervinia and 1986 in Koenigssee took them ... me included," jumping champion, of sys-tematic doping in East German Anabolic steroids increase muscle bulk and could give bobsledders extra power for the important push of the bob. istered by the team doctor, Wolfgang Schneider. "One thing should be clear. We could Grummt made his allegations not say 'no'," Grummt added. Grummt won a gold medal at Cervinia as brakeman on the in the last of a series of interviews conducted by La Gazetta dello Sport with him and his wife Kornelin Ender, the

doctor and former Olympic ski

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four-man team.

Last June, before the collapse of Communist rale in East 1976 Olympic swimming on Wednesday, John Duncan the Ipswich manager, said: "There is a possibility that

reserve game in the near future."

Hill and Zondervan, back in

light training after long-term injuries. Ipswich are also contemplating taking Meade, once of Arsenal, on trial.

Derek Ferguson, the Glas-gow Rangers midfield player,

appears poised to join John Aldridge, formerly of Liverpool, at Real Sociedad in

Spain. Sociedad are keen to

import more British players, in the wake of their decision to

end their "Basques only" pol-

icy. They are believed to be

willing to invest around

Gerry Francis, the Bristol

Rovers manager, and Paul

Nixon, one of his players, were interviewed by police on Tuesday night after Nixon

ager in conjunction with the

£700,000 in Ferguson.

He will be joined there by

Czechoslovak set to join West Ham in £300,000 transfer

Ludek Miklosko, the 6ft 5in Czechoslovak World Cup czechoslovak world Cup goalkeeper, flies to London from Prague today to join West Ham United in a £300,000 transfer from Banik Ostraba, the Czechoslovak

in the World Cup squad for the finals in Italy in June. He will be eligible for the Littlewoods Cup semi-finals against Oldham Athletic at Boundary Park, next Wednes-day, although West Ham are likely to retain Phil Parkes for that game. Miklosko trained for a week

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with West Ham in December but the football authorities were at first reductant to let him sign. After an interven-tion by Ron Leighton, the MP for Newham, the Department of Employment finally

Coventry want review

John Poynton, the Coventry City chairman, last night called for a review of the Football for a review of the Football League management committee's decision to award the first division runners-up a place in Europe next season rather than the Littlewoods Cup winners (Chris Moore writes).

"I am surprised and disappointed," Poynton said.
"There has been no consultation at Manchester United on January 13. tee's decision to award the first division runners-up a place in Europe next season rather than the Littlewoods Cup winners (Chris Moore writes).

"I am surprised and disappointed," Poynton said.
"There has been no consultation with the clubs on this issue." Coventry meet Nottingham Forest on Sunday in the first leg of their Littlewoods Cup semi-final.

Lloyd McGrath, the Coventry
City midfield player, who is

disrepute.

Club gives up against vandalism

South Liverpool, of the HFS Leans League, are being forced out of their home by vandalism. They have decided they can no longer cope with damage to their Holly Park ground, which they estimate has cost them £500,000 in writes).

The club, from the Garston district of the city, has two social clubs, both of which were burned down last summer. The bigger of the two had been braken into 21 times in the previous 12 months. The main stand has suffered three serious fires and seats have regularly been wrecked.

The final straw came last month, when a perimeter wall was smashed with sledge hummers. It is now manie and is one of several areas in which the cinb believes its ground would not be up to HFS Loans League standards next season.

Insurers will no longer previde cover for the ground. Graham Ost, the secretary, said: "We believe we've done everything we can. We even got a

"We believe we've done every-thing we can. We even got a guard dog, but that failed because the vandals befriended it. We're a good community club. We run five very successful youth teams and we admit all children free of charge, but all of that has had no effect."

South Liverpool have played at Helly Park for 56 years. The local council is now helping them to look for a new site and they may move out of the city.

they may move out of the city.

Czechoslovakia in the Olympics and, in all, has made 53 international appearances.

Imre Varadi became the latest player to follow Howard Justin will appear in another

Ostraba, the Czechoslovak champions.

Miklosko, aged 28, has won 31 caps with his country and is the World Country and is The forward, who will be re-united with his former man-ager at Sheffield United, follows the same path as Sterland, Shutt, and Pearson. Varadi could make his de-

but for the second division leaders in tomorrow's home match against Hull City. Leeds still managed to leave themselves with a profit on the day by calling Plake the the day by selling Blake, the central defender, to Stake City for £175,000. Justin Fashanu, the former

£1 million Norwich City and Nottingham Forest forward, is expected to join Ipswich Town granted a work permit yes-terday. Miklosko, who speaks httle English, will initially be accompanied by an inter-injuries in recent seasons.

> alleged that he had been assaulted by Francis. The being treated for a gashed shin, is feared to have a stress incident took place in a hotel car park as the team returned from a Leyland DAF Cup tie against Brentford. No one was charged. The club said that disciplinary measures were being considered by "the man-

> The Brighton and Hove Albion manager, Barry Lloyd, expects to take the Soviet ● The Stockport County defender, Bill Williams, has been suspended for three matches and fined £250 after admitting a Union international, Sergei Gotsmanov, aged 30, on a month's trial from Dynamo

Clubs must meet the ground rules

Non-League football by Paul Newman

GM Vauxhall Conference clubs League clubs. seeking promotion to the Foot-ball League will have to meet stricter ground requirements in future years. The Lesgue is ready to introduce desailed cri-teris on stadium facilities which will include both higger capac-ities and a higher proportion of seats than is currently

demanded.

Even before the recent Taylor report on ground safety, the League was planning to change its requirements for promoted clubs. Until now it had no specific guidelines for clubs to follow, but in future it will be its criteria on the Conference. its criteria on the Conference's own "A" grade, with stiffer requirements in a number of key

The most difficult criteria for clubs to meet are likely to be those involving capacity and seating. From 1991 promoted clubs are likely to need a safety certificate with a 6,000 capacity and the potential to increase the figure to 10,000. A considerably higher proportion of seats is also likely to be demanded. likely to be demanded. Few Conference clubs could

meet those criteria without spending heavily. Under less stringent requirements Maidstone United, who were promoted last summer, had to spend £500,000 on improvements to the ground they share with Dartford and which was of a similar standard to the stadiums of many leading non-

FOR THE RECORD

Of those in contention for or those in coatention for promotion this season, Kettering Town, Barnet and Welling United have already had their grounds inspected and Derfington, Macclessfield Town and Rancorn will be visited within the next few weeks.

Although Welling's ground is believed to fall considerably lieved to fall considerably short of requirements, League officials are understood to have been impressed by Kettering's facilities and to be reasonably satisfied with Barnet's. The chances of Barnet win-

ning promotion have grown ning promotion have grown steadily in recent weeks as Darlington and Macclesfield have faltered, and a 4-0 victory at home to Merthyr Tydfil on Tuesday saw them return to the top of the table for the first time for nearly two years.

Darlington, who have signed Steve Mardenborough, the Cheltenham forward, for an undisclosed fee, could lose further ground tomorrow when they travel to fifth placed Kettering, Second placed Maccles-

they travel to fifth placed Ket-tering. Second placed Maccles-field go to Emfeld.

• England will play Italy in a semi-professional international in Salerno on February 25.

• Dunstable, who were expelled from the FA Cup after their players walked off the pitch during a qualifying round match at Staines Town, have also been banned from next season's competition. competition.

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FAL PAREC: Generale Open tenterant: First round: L Matter (59) bt F Rome (57), 7-5, 6-3; M Micho P Rico) bt D Mercenino (Card. 8-4, 6-0; G Marton (Arg) bt M Mercenino (5r. 6-7, 6-1, 1, 7-5; J Berger (18) bt M Aeris (5r. 6-7, 6-1, 8-6; Card cound: M Jaile (Arg) bt J School (18), 6-1, 6-2 A Hoosear (6r) bt M Taberres (Cotta), 5-7, 6-0, 8-4.

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Young master: Stephen Hendry, the defending champion, coes up at Wembley yesterday

Lineker cannot spur Thorne

It was just one of those days for Willie Thorne at the Benson and Hodges Masters at Wembley 45, Even though Hendry stum-While I nome at the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley yesterday. With Gary Lineker, his footballing friend, and Paul Gascoigne and Nayim, Lineker's Tottenham Hotspur colleagues, sitting in the stands to offer support, the world No. 9 scored a series of unspectacular own goals and was heavily beaten 5-1 by Stephen Hendry, the title holder, from Scotland.

Thorne used to be dangerous from long range, but his shooting was sadly awry. He led 24-9 in the first frame but missed a long red and Hendry, the world No. 3, who can score from any position, made 49, and then cleared to pink. Thorne led in frame two with

45, Even though Hendry stumbled over the scoond-last red, Thorne missed the brown and Hendry cleared to pink for 2-0.

A lead of 59-16 proved equally insecure in frame three, But this time Hendry missed his footing on the final brown, for Thorne to make his only successful strike, but Hendry sprinted through the fourth frame and Thorne then found the interval no less irritating.

the interval no less irritating; someone had forgotten to unlock his dressing-room door.

In frame five Hendry was 460 behind, but a fluked red helped close the gap and then his clearance of 48 put him virtually out of sight.

After easily winning frame six to reach the semi-finals, he even suggested that Thorne should suggested that Thorne should put in some extra training. "He has been struggling with his form for a while now but I don't think he is the sort of player who goes to work hard on the practice table when he needs to. Certainly that is what I do," Hendry said.

Thorne suggested that six hours a day practice at the age of 36 was harder than at Hendry's age, 21, but thought he would

age, 21, but thought he would still give it a go.

RESULTS: Guarter-finale: B Hendry (Scot) bt W Thome (Engl, 5-1, Wednes-day: First result: S Davis (Engl) bt J Westens (That), 5-2, Today's order of play: Cuarter-finals (best of nine frames): 2per: J Perrott (Engl, 9 v J Johnson (Engl, 7per: D Mountjoy (Wates) v S Davis (Engl,

YACHTING

Another near miss for Rothmans as whale holes rival

By Barry Pickthall

Whales, rather than the weather, cosed the greater threat to the Whitbread Round the World

MARC ASPLAND

Whirbread Round the World Race fleet yesterday as Fisher & Paykel and Steinlager 2, of New Zealand, continued to set the pace towards Cape Horn.

Rucanor Sport, the Belgian division three entry skippered by Bruno Dubois, was seriously damaged when she ran into a whale at nine knots under spinnaker at 0200 GMT. Later in the day Rothmans, the British yacht, avoided a similar mishap only through the quick reactions of her helmannan.

According to Dubois the first

of her heimsman.

According to Dubois, the first indication that something was wrong came with a strange noise under the bow of the boat, moments before Rucanor's stern was lifted violently into the air some 600 miles out of Auckland. After crashing back into the ses, water began pouring into the stern of the yacht.

Three crew quickly dived overboard and found that half of the yacht's rudder had been broken away, the shaft had been dislodged, and the steering quadrant had broken away from the top of the shaft.

The crew soon contained the

The crew soon contained the leak, but the broken rudder and lost communications antennae, which were swept overboard, along with the Argos satellite position beacon, has forced the crew to head for Wellington, 500 miles to the west. There are no facilities to repair the yacht in the nearby Chatham Islands.

The near miss aboard Rothmans was equally scary. Lawrie Smith, the skipper, told The Times yesterday. "Thank-Lawrie Smith, the skipper, told The Times yesterday: "Thank-fully it was daylight and Paul Standbridge, who was on the wheel, caught a glimpse of the whale directly ahead. We only just managed to bear off in time.

If it had been at night, we would have run straight into it." This is the second lucky escape for the British crew, which came close to runming a which came close to ramming a whale during the run down the New Zealand coast towards Auckland at the end of the last stage. Smith estimated this latest mammal was 60 feet long. He said that its back was hidden from view by eight-foot swells "until we were almost on top of it."

Rucanor's brush with a whale is the fifth such incident during the race. Charles Jourdan, the French yacht, ran into one close to the equator during the first stage of the race, and again in the Tasman Sea during the second leg, when the yacht suffered extensive damage to her hull. UBF Finland also hit two whales during the last stage. two whales during the last stage, which led Ludde Ingval, her skipper, to question whether certain colours of bottom paint misled whales into thinking that a yacht is one of their kind — or

LEADING POSITIONS (compiled et 11:30 GMT yesterday, with miles to Punta del Este): Mised divisions: 1, Parker & Payled (G Datton, N2), 4,574 miles 2, Springer 2 (P Blata, N2), 4,574 miles 2, Springer 2 (P Blata, N2), 4,572; 3, Merte, (P Ferhimson, Switz), 4,582; 4, Chartles, Jourden (A Gebbay, Fr), 5,012; 5, UBF Fintand (L Ingval, Fri), 5,014; 6, Rothmarts (L Smitz, GB), 5,007; 7, Marteta OF (M Wilkert, Fri), 5,022; 6, MCB Instand (J English, Irv), 5,033; 9, Satsuote British Delender (Cor C Watders, GB), 5,063; 11, Belmont Fintand (H Hartdmo, Fri), 5,061; 12 equal, Gistorate (G Felici, Inj and Fizzisi (S Noval, USSR), 5,066; 14, Liverpool Enterprise GS Saimon, GB), 5,062; 15, The Card (R Nilson, Swe), 5,068; Division 2; 1, Equity & Law (D Nazza, Newit, 5, (GP, Division 2; 1, L'Esprit de Liberto (P Tabarty, Fr), 5,149; 2, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 5,168; 3, Schlussel von Bremen (R Persch, WG), 5,175; 4, La Poste (B Maile, Fr), 5,184, Chaleng divisione: 1, Cralginions Naturally (J Chilosnden, GB), 5,152; 2, With Integrity (A Coghill, GB), 5,150.

France in Atlantic bid

France has become the latest country to enter the lists in the growing competition to wreat the Blue Riband of the Atlantic from the United States, where it has lain since the liner of that name

Jet Services, a company more closely associated with long-distance salling spousorable, is to promote a powerbest attempt distance sating sponsorship, is to promote a powerbest attempt on the Atlantic using a concept similar to that developed by the British designer, Nigel Ireas, for an easily driven, relatively low-powered hell which will make up in efficiency what it lacks is

and the target speed is 40 knot

Designed by Gilles Office, the boat is a slim monohull powered by a single 3,000hp V-16 diesel coupled to a single water-jet propulsion unit. Offier designed the catamaran in which Serge will skipper this attempt, with one of his crew, a savigator and

TENNIS

Castle becomes third

Nyborg, aged 20, the world No. 217, who was the runner-up in the event last year, had earlier knocked out David Ison and Chris Bailey. "He was returning Chris Bailey. "He was returning my serve very well and managing to hold on to his own, and his ground strokes are very good," Castle, who is ranked No. 200 in the world, said. "It was just one of those days. I felt good in the warm-up but I just didn't really fire up."

Castle's only bright spot came at 2-5 in the first set when he broke Nyborg to love, blocking all his returns to force the Swede into errors.

But the change of fortupe did

Briton foiled by Swede

Andrew Castle, the British champion, became the third British victim of Peter Nyborg, of Sweden, when he lost 6-3, 6-1 in the semi-final of the LTA Men's Challenger tournament at Telford yesterday.

Nuture and 20, the world love and with it the first set. The match lested just 73 minutes, including a break after only four games when two of the match bells went missing and a replacement set had to be found. RESULTS: Seed Greek: P Nythorg (Swe) bt. A Castle (GB), 6-3, 6-1; F Sankoro (Fr) bt B Gerrow (US), 6-2, 7-5.

Asian expansion

Sapporo (AP) — Ten nations, including newcomers in Iran, Taiwan and the Philippines, have entered the second Winter Asian Games here from March Asian Games here from March
9 to 14. They join North and
South Korea, India, Mongolia,
Hong Kong, China and Japan,
who took part in the first Games
at this north Japan resort in
1986. Skiing, speed and figure
skating, ice hockey and biathlon
are the species.

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the former world champion, achieved vengeance on two fronts by comprehensively beating. Dei Harris, the British champion, in the round-robin stages of the Mennen Cup here on Wednesday evening.

Norman beat Harris 15-13, 15-13, 15-11 in 51 minutes to end the young Englishman's chances of qualifying for romorrow's semi-finals from group A. In doing so, he avenged a fearful drubbing Harris had inflicted upon him in Singapore during the world team championships last October, and reclaimed the UTC Cannons first-string place, which was usurped by Harris when the Singapore result unnaturally reversed their national league merit ranking.

Playing on the all-glass

Playing on the all-glass telecourt at Curzons Club, Nor-man absorbed a furious early attack. Harris, aged 20, estab-

SNOW REPORTS

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SQUASH RACKETS

Norman conquers Harris

From Colin McQuillan, Toronto

Ross Norman, of New Zealand, lished leads of 12-6 in the first confirm my leading role at the former world champion, game and 8-4 in the second. Cannons," Norman said, achieved venteance on two While Harris was able to crack The win puts Norman, back While Harris was able to crack the ball through him at phenomenal pace the early points went to England. But when more measured deliveries were called for after 10 minutes of furious rallying in each game, New Zealand brain was more equal to the task than English brawn.

The win puts Norman, back in the race for a semi-final place with Mark Maclean, of Scotland — assuming the qualification of Jahangir Khan, the defending Mennen champion.

The group B semi-finalists are aimost certain to be Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the world

Harris, who has been troubled with back problems and influenzs, lacked confidence to fight for the front court and was striking the ball with such ferocious but unthinking power that he failed to find an effective length on a lively court that is nevertheless responsive to ac-curate placement.

The group B semi-finalists are almost certain to be Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, the world champion, and Chris Dittmar, of Australia, after their respective effortless dismissals of Adrian Davies, of Wales, and Sabir Butt, of Canada. Davies donned long polla-dot shorts and his best clown-like tactics against Jansher, but admitted after 42 minutes that he was embarrassed by the world cham-

curate placement.

"The last match you play against a guy is always in your mind, and I was certainly looking to pay Del back for the Singapore result, and to re-

RACKETS

Baily saves day with a superb ace Peter Baily and Michael Brooks

survived a match point as they squeaked through a close allsqueaked through a close all-Etonian contest in the second round of the Lacoste British Amateur Rackets Doubles Championship at the Queen's Club (Sally Jones writes). Their opponents; Thomas Brudenell and David Ruck

Brudenell and David Ruck Keene, made a fine comeback from two games down to level the match first at two-all then three-all. In the decider Brooks and Baily took a 12-4 lead but Brooks then hit a number of back wall shots into the board. Brudenell and Ruck Keene took a 16-13 lead with a string of freehand winners only for the forehand winners only for the opposition to claw back to 16-16. After a superb 25-stroke rally Brudenell and Ruck Keene led 17-16 but gave their opponents their first match point at 17-17 and Baily made sure of it with a spectacular ace. RESULTS: P Bally and M Brooks bt D Ruck Keene and T Brudenell, 15-12, 15-6, 6-15, 14-17, 15-9, 7-15, 18-17.

Drug theory is dismissed

Paris (AFP) — A French Boxing Federation doctor yesterday dismissed suggestions that the British heavyweight, Derek Williams, was drugged before his defeat in a European title bout by Jean Maurice Chanet. Drug outcasts

New York (AP) — Tex Schramm, head of the World League of American Football, said that any player failing a drugs test would be banned from the league. "One strike and you're out," he said at a news conference to announce the league's two-year \$12 million to \$15 million television contract with ABC, the American network,

BASKETBALL

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WEDNESDAY'S FOOTBALL RESULTS MARCLAYE LEAGUE Fourth division: Puter-borough 0, Herrispool 2. B AIRD & SCOTTEN LEAGUE: First division: Harrispo Academical 3, Abristonium 2. Second division: Custon of the South 3, Prochin City 1; Sering Albion 1, Cour

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ICE HOCKEY NATIONAL LEAGUE (MILL: New York Rangers 5, Estronton Ollers 2, Toronto Maple Lede 7, St Look Blues 1; Butisto Sabres 3, Monarcal Connections 1; Hardord Westers 5, Minnerotts North Store 5.

Paris return

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COMMENCIAL MINON UAB CHARPON-SHIPE: Rugby longue: Semi-final: Loughborough 19 Sellord — postpored.
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Sproson blow Phil Sproson, central defender for Birmingham City, will be out of action for a minimum of five weeks after a cartilage oper-ation.

Johnson's exit Denver (AP) — Bill Johnson, the 1984 Olympic downhill sking champion, plans to announce his retirement from competition at the US Alpine championships in Crested Butte, Montana, February 16 to 23, his friend and former agent, Jon Franklin, said Johnson, the only American ever to win an Olympic can ever to win an Olympic downhill, failed to qualify for the US World Cup squad this season. He will be 30 on March 30.

Maltese first Chris Morton, of Belle Vue and an England stalwart, is teaming up with Terry Chandler, the former Poole promoter, to launch speedway in Malta. They plan a series of meetings in the

National Stadium at Valletta later this year before developing the sport in other countries.

AUSTRIA

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Men's downhill only just stiable. Axams rocky and icy,
Stubel has plenty of snow and people.

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Rain up to 1,800m, snow higher. All well used runs worn and rocky except entiticial run to resort.

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Melin runs complete with artificial snow. Ice in morning, slush in atternoon. FRANCE
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Snow today above 2,500m, rain elsewhere. Only very
high runs have decent snow cover.
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Fresh snow talling above 2,000m. Lower slopes becoming
slushy but still skiable.
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Met snow on lower slopes. Tignes 25 125 fair varied word Wet snow on lower slopes.

Vel Thorens 30 100 fair heavy fair rain 2 More rocks appearing on middle and lower slopes. snow above 3000m, slush on lower slopes. ITALY
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All runs turning stushy and are malting fast.

SMITZERLAND
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Crass Montana 0 75 varied varied closed rain 5 3/2
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Very poor conditions. All titles closed.
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All slopes stushy and worm with only limited skiing.
Getaed 0 115 stush heavy closed rain 6 3/2 - Some fair plate skiing on upper slopes but generally very limited.

Milmen 0 35 good fair closed cloud 6 2/2
Snow conditions are good. Schilthorn very rocky at the top. Föhn wind continues to melt snow.

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Good skiing on glacter runs. Lower plates worm.

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Good snow on north facing slopes, but heavy snow and worm patches on some south facing runs.

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High winds limiting skiing but plates still in good condition. Lower slopes melting rapidly.
In the sbove reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Graat Britsin, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial.

Calmagerate anow level, 2,000ft; vertical runs, 1,200ft. Planet upper, all complete; middle, most complete, middle, most complete, middle, most complete, patches, access roads clear; challitis, car park oper; tows, seven open. White too strong for top tows; sower open. White too strong for top tows; sower open. White too strong for top tows; access in cover. Generalist seven cover. Towns and character towns, 1,200ft; vertical runs, all. Flume: Not shough seven, 2,000ft; vertical runs, all. Flume: Not shough seven, 2,000ft; vertical runs, all. Flume: Not shough seven; cover, coverlete, frough town, incomercical runs, 1,200ft. Flume: upper, complete, frough seven; cover, all complete, frough seven; cover, all complete, runs upper and lower, all complete, new strong access roads clear; gended lift open. Towns, four open. Generalist seven, 1,500ft; vertical runs, 1,800ft. Flume: upper and lower, all complete, new strong access roads clear; gended lift open. Towns, four open. Generalist seven strong access roads clear; gended lift open. Towns, four open. Generalist seven strong access roads clear; gended lift open. Towns, four open. Generalist seven strength and shows 2,000ft. Immeding slopes. Freeding seven will be staroum decenting with occasional gelies. Vigibility will be good early on, but in the rain and snow arriving in the silver. Outlook: Showers will be isolated tomorrow, with streams gives rising to 3,000ft. Sunday will be colder, again with showers. Snowfaits, some quite feety, can be expected above 1,000ft.

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Sebastian Coe: the past and the future

In THE TIMES tomorrow, Sebastian Coe writes the first of two exclusive articles that provide a remarkable insight into athletes and athletics. How does he view his rivals in a dozen years in international sport? Whom does he select as the best of the new generation of British athletes?



Stolen tickets offered for ransom

"I had orders for all those

Rugby supporters are being warned not to buy tickets on the black market and the police appealed for information from anyone who has been

Burtou must be in a quendary about telling the Rugby Football Union exactly which

This is the second disas to hit Burton's besin

The RFU has been working

national match days at Twickenham, and is particularly the ground capacity is reduced to 51,000 because of the rebuilding of the North Stand. extremely cross at not getting tickets," Wood added. "Demand is five times our capacity this season and people are very frastrated when they see a

war, we have been making life extremely difficult for the

upset when a hospitality com-pany failed to provide the tickets it had promised. The forced to tell its clients during lerch in a marquee before the game that the tickets were not

Many hospitality companies rely on the flourishing black-market business to obthey are recovered. What will not have people buying black-happens to his hospitality market tickets turning up events in Britain, including the marquee near the ground I do here, but we think that, even if FA Cup final and Wimbledon.

Graf out for six weeks after skiing accident

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent

Steffi Graf will be out of tennis advice. Initial reports after the for at least six weeks after breaking her right thumb in a skiing accident in St Moritz. Graf was due to see a specialist in Heidelberg today to decide if an operation is needed, but the world champion will have to pull out of tournaments in Boca Raton and Key Biscayne next month.

Only when the doctors have looked at the injury will be able to say exactly how long she will have to rest," Horst Schmitt, Graf's press spokes-man, said. "But Steffi is going to be forced out of the game for a long time."

Graf was scheduled to play a cameo role alongside other sporting champions such as Niki Lauda and Florence Griffith-Joyner in a film called Fire, Ice and Dynamite, produced by Willi Bogner, the West German director. But earlier in the day, while on the nursery slopes, attempting to escape from photographers she tripped and fell on her

She was immediately taken to St Moritz General Hospital where her right arm was put in plaster and from these back to West Germany for specialist fourteenth birthday.

accident on Wednesday eve torn ligaments in her right hand, but yesterday doctors said that she had broken a bone in her thumb. Either way, Graf will be out

of action for at least six to eight weeks, which will cer-tainly prove a blessing to her rivals and could even prove a blessing to the Wimbledon champion. By her own ad-mission, Graf was short of motivation and not at her best in the Australian Open last month, despite defending her title for the third time.

Graf's initial aim is to be back in time for a tourns at Hilton Head in the first week of April, but the cuforced rest could prove to be the best preparation possible in her build-up to the French Open in May and to Wimble-

don in June. Another loss for tennis followers is that in missing the tournament in Boca Raton, in March, Graf will also miss a possible rendezvous with Jennifer Capriati, who will be making her long-awaited pro-fessional debut just before her

Bates shows his frailty

Jeremy Bates, who beat Yannick Noah in the first round of the Stella Artois indoor tournament in Milan, was brought down to earth by Jakob Hlasek yesterday. The big Czech-born Swiss player beat the British No. 1 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 to reach the third round, leaving Bates to reflect once again on unfulfilled promise.

The match turned on one break in each set and one or two stray points, none more important than in the second Bates led 40-15 only to be

"It was such a tight match the whole outcome depended on a few points here and

RESULTS: First resent: J Bates (GIS) bt Y Nosh (Fr), 7-5, 6-4; J McEnroe (US) bt A' Chertessov (USSR), 6-1, 4-6, 6-4; I Lendi (Cz) bt D Nergiso (R), 6-3, 6-5. Second resent: J Courier (US) bt K Novacus (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; M Srejber (Cz) bt A Krichtstein (US), 6-2, 6-5; P Sempres (US) bt M Zoscia (WG), 6-1, 7-8; E Jellen (WG) bt H Courier (Australia 7.4; 4-5, rat J Hazaria

Beverage sponsors elude curb

vived a ministerial move to certall its sponsorship

sport, worth at least £18 million a year. A meeting of the Govern-ment's Committee on Alcohol Abuse has instead asked Colin Meynibas, the Minister for Sport, to meet the Portman Group, representing the drinks industry, in an attempt to get companies to promote low-alcohol brands.

Moyaihan has always defended the right of drinks companies to have an unlimited annual budget for sponsorship. Some ministers would prefer an agreement between the Government and the companies restricting the amount. This is what occurs with tobacco sponsorship, with only about £8 million now being spent every year. Research Services Ltd, the

company that monitors figures in Britain, estimated that last year about £18 million, just under one-tenth of the total, came from drinks comp

At its meeting on Wednes day, the Government committee decided it wanted companies to extend their promotion of low-alcohol brands, rather than for them to replace the beverages they at resent use for sponsorship. The Health Education

Council said in August 1988 that it found any sponsorship by alcohol companies "inappropriate", stating: "The use of sport to raise the profile of alcohol belps drink to be seen more favourably and to be seen to be more socially acceptable." Some sports, which have a

particularly youthful image, such as gymnastics, swimming and volleyball, have a policy of not seeking sponsorship from drinks companies.

National is taken off the agenda

By George Rae

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There will be no Aintree challenge from Desert Orchid this year. "The joint-owners and myself have decided that Desert Orchid will miss the Grand National," David Elsworth, the horse's trainer, said at Wincanton yesterday.
"He will be withdrawn at the next forfeit stage on Tuesday," Elsworth added. "He goes for the Cheltenham Gold Cup and then for either the Whitbread Gold Cup or pos-sibly the Irish Grand Nat-

ional, depending on how he comes out of Cheltenham." The decision ends the argu-ments which have surrounded Desert Orchid's possible participation, although there is the long-term probability that he will be entered for the National next year.

Richard Burrdige, part-owner of last year's Gold Cup hero, who leaves for Australia on a business trip today, has become increasingly disturbed by the media pantomime which has enveloped the issue. After Desert Orchid had won at Wincanton yesterday, he said: "The whole circus was in danger of getting out of hand. I've always said it was unlikely that Desert Orchid would go for the National this year and I felt that unless we made up our minds there was no telling where it would end. "All owners and trainers

have discussions about their horses but our every move has had to be conducted and discussed in public." Elsworth has made no secret of his belief that this is the year in which Desert Orchid could have conquered the Aintree course. But the owners have

never shared that certainty. It is they who have had the last Wincenton victory, page 36

Injury to Buzza makes **England vulnerable**

to be sidelined for the remainder of this season's international rugby union programme - leaving England perilously short of cover for Simon Hodgkinson, the firstchoice full back

Buzza damaged ankle and knee ligaments while playing for Cambridge University against the Army yesterday, and expects to be ruled out for a minimum of six weeks. Buzza was on the bench for England's 23-0 win over Ire-

Buzza, who captained Cambridge to their University match triumph this season and recently made his debut for Wasps, said: "I won't know the full extent of the injury for 48 hours - but it doesn't look good. I can probably forget the international season. If something was to happen to Simon now,

Buzza was injured when he was trapped at the bottom of a

Thieves have demanded a £100,000 ransom for nearly 400 tickets for next week's England v Wales rugby union len from a safe belonging to Mike Barton, the former Brit-

Burton, who runs a sports promotion company, Mike Burton Management, in Gloucester, is seeking replaceents for the tickets to satisfy his clients, many of whom had planned to go to Twickenham next week on corporate hospitality packages.

tickets and it is going to be hard to find enough to keep everyone happy," he said. The

From Alan Lee

The England tour selectors appear to be indulging in a

curious game of risk. Given the chance to stabilize and

strengthen their attack by the

demise of one notoriously

unfit fast bowler, they have

Chris Lewis, a bowler of

undoubted promise but so far limited achievement, has,

remarkably, been preferred to

Steve Walkin as replacement

for the homeward-bound Ri-

cardo Ellcock. Lewis, pres-

England A team, is expected to

arrive in Trinidad on Sunday, three days before his 22nd

Micky Stewart, the England

team manager, yesterday spoke glowingly of Lewis's

and strike rate". He is con-

fident, on medical advice, that

known as Raynaud's disease

has never once promised a

wider fame, yesterday issued

ently in Kenya with the control

wicket-taking ability

exchanged him for another.

Cricket Corresponde Castries, St Lucia

the wall of his city-centre office and a few hours after discovering the theft, Burton pushed through his office door demanding £100,000 for the return of the safe and tickets, which had a face value of up to £18 but are worth several times more on the black

Barton said: "I know tickets for England v Wales are valuable, but not that valuable. We were asked to put a signal in the window indicating whether we were wilting to pay up. We tried it in the hope of catching them but nothing

England call up

untested Lewis

as replacement

offered tickets for the match.

tickets are missing. He would have bought them from several rces and would be leath to sources and would be tourn to give the governing body the information that might help to identify the suppliers. The RFU explicitly warm clubs, schools and its constituent bodies that tickets should not he resold for a profit.

Dublin, after the collapse of an airline which was to have taken them.

Dudley Wood, the Rugby Football Union secretary, said: "We take a keen in in this matter. We would not be surprised if Mike Burton had obtained several hundred tickets. We know the size of his operation and that he has close contacts with a number of clube, for whose he may

tickets he has laid his hands en, though we should like to know the ticket numbers if

Dampening the spirits on and off the field

Weather forces a gloomy start

From Richard Streeton

This blighted tour even incurred the wrath of the weathergods yesterday when rain and bad light allowed only 31/2 hours play in the first five-day cricket international between South Africa and the English XI.

What play took place was absorbing, gritty and evenly fought, as the touring side reached 113 for three after being put in. South Africa were poorly served by their inexperienced bowlers, particularly early on. McMillan dismissed Robinson and Broad in three overs near the end; otherwise Cook might have rued his decision to field

It was a new experience to be given a hand-out from the local police at the close summarizing the day of action against would-be disrupters.

sporting boycott of South Afapartheid is ended, according to Fekrou Kidane, chairman of the International Campaign gainst Apartheid in Sport (AFP reports).

The city magistrates had refused permits to demonstrate, both against the proand anti-tour factions. The former limited themselves to an aeroplane that joined the police helicopters overhead as it trailed a banner in support of the Englishmen.

Tour opponents had a harder time. Mini-buses picking up protesters three miles away in the township of Alexandra were stopped and the passengers returned home. Later some 2,000 people were stopped; they refused to negotiate and were dispersed with tear gas. Police alleged that the media had tried to transport potential demonstrators to the ground, while the British consulate was also the scene of

As to the cricket, the English XI played it very safe indeed: neither Thomas nor Dilley was risked, and an extra batsman was included

Athey never looked comfortable and Donald bowled him off his body in the fifth over. Snell improved in a later

Two short



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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-15, 2-96, 3-105.

Umpires: C Linbenberg and J Peacock.

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Extras (b 4, lb 11, w 5)

spell, but Jennings, the South after an innings which lasted for 47 overs. African wicketkeeper, still had to dive around a good deal. EDITOLISM St. First in

their moments of luck, but hung on as 81 runs were added in 34 overs. In poor light, McMillan's late breakthrough was a just reward for a player who always seemed to be scheming more than his col-BOWLING: Donald 158-84-1 (wf); Snel 15-7-21-0 (w2); MoMillen 11-2-27-2 Kulper 61-21-0 (wf); Randle 1-0-5-0 (wf); SOUTH AFRICA: "5 J Cook, H R Fotheringhem, K C Wessels, P N Kurssen, R F Plemar, A P Kulper, B M McAllen, 19 V Jonnings, D B Pundle, R P Sneli, A A leagues, Robinson, known as a poor hooker, was tempted to try the stroke, and spooned a catch to long leg. Then Broad fenced at a rising ball that left him and was caught behind

Broad and Robinson had

SPORT IN BRIEF

for rugby Albert Ferrasse, president of the French Rugby Federation (FFR), has taken renewed court action to prove that the professional 13-a-side game is not simply rugby. Ferasse has issued a writ on his league counterparts ordering them to drop the word rugby from their official title. If not, they will be liable to a fine of 500 francs (£50) for every day they

accomplished by the FFR".

Medlycott had still not been used by tea time. ignore the order. The long-standing dispute Capel extracted some response from the pitch in a concerns the right of the rugby league to call itself "Rugby a lengthy spell after lunch but XIII" rather than whenever he over-nitched [Game] a XIII". Ferrasse John drove him through the on side with an upright eleclaims that only the FFR can gance which belied his modest use the word rugby and that his league counterparts are "abusing, and shamelessly benefitting from all the work

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Scarlett's ban Jim Scarlett, the Pontypridd lock has been banned for five weeks by the Welsh Rugby Union after being sent off for punching against Glamorgan



Douglas: back after absence Tigers' task

Bracknell Tigers, the defending Coco Cola cup holders, have been drawn against Kingston, the Carlsberg League leaders, in the second semi-final at the London Arena on March 24. The winners meet either Derby or Sunderland in the final the following day.

Runners tested Runners in the England

Schools' cross-country championships Wadebridge, Cornwall, will be selected at random for drugtesting next month.

Out of favour Alan Cooke, the national champion, is dropped from the England table tennis team for the crucial European Super League match against Czecho 13. Desmond Douglas, returns to the team after almost two years' absence. Rivals link up McLaren are to take over marketing for the rival Formula One team, Tyrrell, but

they insist the move is not a prelude to a full takeover of Ken Tyrrell's stable, whose factory is also in Woking.

Hitchin's loss Lack of financial backing for the first Refuge Assurance League game due to be staged at Hitchin has forced Northamptonshire to switch their fixture against Glamorgan on June 10 back to headquarters.

Touring pro

Christy O'Connor jun has been appointed touring golf professional to the new Slalely Hall Club, pear Hexham, Northumberland, on a fiveyear contract.

Alan Buzza is almost certain team last Saturday.

land, and turned out for the B pile-up.

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having to bowl at unhelpful times and for long spells (something which Lewis seldom had to do in a far more experienced attack), he took his wickets at a commendable "He was over-bowled" was Stewart's judgement. This does scant credit to a man who

undercomplainingly got through almost 800 overs, as opposed to the 300 by Lewis. The choice only concerned Lewis and Watkin and was, according to Stewart, "very close". Gooch, the captain, may have been a waverer. He sees a lot of Neil Foster in Watkin and was impressed by his strength and control last year. When Essex played

Leicestershire at Grace Road

last September, Gooch scored

over-stepped more than any-

Fraser did break an opening

stand of 73 when Darwin

Telemaque, a name fit for heroism in the pages of Bar-

bara Cartland, was leg-before,

shuffling haplessly to a ball of full length. This, however, was

an isolated moment of respite.

fixture was delayed for 70

minutes by the effect of

torrential overnight rain on

this bowl-like ground. It is

hemmed in by the hills on

which the St Lucians grow

their greatest export, bananas, and the outfield is prone to

The pitch was as devoid of

rass as the one used last week

in St Kitts but this one offered

the fast bowlers a measure of

early life. DeFreitas and

Fraser did not make the best

use of it. DeFreitas persis-tently dropped short, his first over costing 14 runs and

launching John on his jaunty

path. Despite the damp out-

field the boundaries are invit-

ingly short and the public in the half-filled football stands

England had decided to

omit Devon Malcolm and

play two spinners. One of

tion as early as the eighth over and then bowled steadily for

much of the afternoon, but

did their share of fielding.

The start of this four-day

Watkin. He carried a weak 158; Lewis returned two for Giamorgan attack on his young shoulders last summer, Lewis was born in Guyana, earned high praise and never which means that, despite Ellcock's departure, England the circulation problem broke down. No one in the country took have a player from each of four Caribbean countries.

which caused Lewis to miss more than his total of 94 first-John's unwanted reminder

Even if one accepts this

further uncertainty imposed on a team with more than its

share of injury concerns, the

selection is a further rebuff to

long hop, a fourth looked the England bowlers with distinctly possible.

He narrowly failed. John had scored 83 out of 138, batting for 160 minutes, when

From Alan Lee

persistent run-up problems, the no-balls tally at one stage approaching 20 per cent of the Windwards' total. Angus Fraser, not a regular offender,

Lance John, whose decade in the Windward Islands team that he pulled the second ball by DeFreitas, operating round the wicket. By this time, the England attack had been made of this match for six, just punishment for a DeFreitas to look distinctly indifferent. To make matters worse for the touring team, all three of the quicker bowlers suffered

another unwanted reminder of their limitations. John is a tall, left-handed opening batsman from St Vincent who has scored only he fell just before tea, hitting three centuries in his long around a ball angled into him